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Hopi Tribe General Election Un-Official Results

November 11, 2021

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TIMOTHY L. NUVANGYAOMA	30	152	37	108	56	36	36	35	11	42	57	65	34	142	841	58.89%
DAVID N. TALAYUMTEWA	32	84	43	15	94	5	33	11	7	45	37	46	12	123	587	41.11%

VICE-CHAIRMAN	KEAMS CANYON	FIRST MESA	SIPAULOMI	SHUNGOPAVI	KYKOTSMOVI	ORABI	HOTEVILLA	BACAVI	L MOENKOPI	U MEONKOPI	MISHUNGOMI	EV- MOBILE	EV-OFFICE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
CRAIG ANDREWS	34	134	34	94	67	25	25	25	9	44	43	72	37	159	802	56.08%
CLARK W. TENAKHONGVA	28	102	47	29	83	17	45	21	10	42	52	40	9	103	628	43.92%

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the General Election held on the 11th day of November, in the year 2021. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Election Ordinance and the rules and regulations of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona.

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By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 12, 2021 and less than a day after having attended the Hopi General Election canvassing held at the Peace Academy, the Hopi Tutuveni was recipient of an email sent by Karen Shupla, Registrar of the Hopi Elections Office on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 11:32 a.m. with SUBJECT: “2021 Hopi Tribal General “Un-Official Results” - Hopi Elections” and in similar contact fashion that Shupla has been sending a majority of the 2021 Primary and General Election information as.

Included in the email was a file named “2021 General Election Un-Official Results” which contained information being depicted on the front cover of this publication, along with the following message: “Good Morning, attached is the “Un-Official Results” for the General Elections which was canvassed on November 11, 2021. The Oath of Office will be given on December 1, 2021 the first meeting of the first quarter of the Hopi Tribal Council. The elections will become Official on November 17, 2021 following the challenge deadline date. Thank you.”

In the 2021 General Election Un-Official Results, incumbent Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma shows Total votes cast in his favor as 841, with David N. Talyumtewa garnering 587 of the votes. Nuvangyaoma

led by 254 votes for the seat of Chairman of the Hopi Tribe in the Un-official.

In the 2021 General Election Un-Official Results, incumbent Clark W. Tenakhongva shows Total votes cast in his favor as 628, with Craig Andrews garnering 802. Andrews had a lead of 174 votes for the seat of Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe.

General Election was set for Thursday, November 11, 2021 and the Hopi Elections Office required those who had Absentee Ballots to have them mailed into the Kykotsmovi Post Office, where Hopi Elections Office receives its mail, by November 10, 2021. In a general email notification sent October 11, 2021, Shupla noted, “IMPORTANT DATE: November 10, 2021 is the date the Hopi Election Board will be collecting the remaining Absentee Ballots from the Kykotsmovi Post Office. November 11, 2021 is a National Holiday and the post office will be closed. Canvassing will be held on November 11, 2021 beginning at around 7:30 p.m. at the Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, [Arizona]...”

Having received the general email notification on October 11, 2021 including information about canvassing, Hopi Tutuveni staff researched Ordinance 34 Hopi Tribal Election Ordinance, Adopted August 1996 to learn more about “CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS”

On page 22 of the document which is currently on the Hopi Elections webpage located at: www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-government/hopi-elections-office/ it notes, “The public may be present at the counting of the ballots.”

(See below for a depiction of CANVASS section)

Based on the information researched and found, Hopi Tutuveni attended the November 11, 2021 “Canvassing” until approximately 9:59 p.m. when George Nasafotie, Jr. Chairman - Hopi Elections Board, approached Tutuveni staff and asked them to leave “...due to not having permission to be there and for taking pictures.”

At that point no ballots had been counted before half of the Hopi General Elections Canvassing staff was released, after having been served a meal and leaving the Peace Academy cafeteria half empty. Tutuveni staff didn’t respond and left the premises and no further contact was received from the Hopi Elections Office until having received the November 12, 2021 email from at 11:32 a.m. from Shupla.

As noted in Shupla’s November 12, 2021 email, “The elections will become Official on November 17, 2021 following the challenge deadline date.”

The Hopi 2021 Primary and General Elections processes have been completed but not without challenges surrounding the pandemic which included having to extend the Early Voting up though November 3rd due to having to close and sanitizing of the Hopi Elections Office from October 27-29, 2021.

Also impacting the processes was resignations from Hopi Elections Board members and a most recent issue surrounding emails and letters sent by Dorothy Ami, Hopi Elections Board member to the Hopi Chairman, Hopi Vice Chairman, and Hopi General Counsel. Contents of the letter were not read into record however the issue seemed of enough importance and concern that the Hopi Tribal Council determined to suspend the rules and placed on the HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL 4th Quarter Session September 2021 AGENDA Month of November 2021 – Amendment #1 as “XI. NEW BUSINESS, Item 6. Discussion/Possible Action - Memorandum dated November 8, 2021 to Clark Tenakhongva from Frederick Lomayesva; Subject: Dorothy Ami – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi.

Council addressed and discussed the item in Executive Session on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 and upon coming out of Executive Session a motion was made to direct the Office of General Counsel to write a letter to Hopi Elections Board concerning the matter. No further information was shared.

Should there be no challenges sent into the Hopi Elections Office about the 2021 General Election Un-Official Results and if the results become official, the Hopi Tutuveni November 17, 2021 publication will have been shared electronically and printed versions distributed. However, the updates and any official results will be shared on the Hopi Tutuveni webpage on the Hopi Tribe’s website located at: www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni/

(8) CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS

- A. Collection of Ballot Boxes: Judge and Marshal shall deliver the ballot box to the Election Board immediately after voting activities are completed.
- B. Persons Present at Counting: The public may be present at the counting of the ballots.

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Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman Extend Thanksgiving Holiday

Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman Extend Thanksgiving Holiday Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 2, 2021 As an expression of gratitude and recognition of their dedication, Hopi Tribal employees were officially notified via an inter-governmental Memorandum that the Executive Offices would be extending the established Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25, 2021 through another day on Friday, November 26, 2021.

Therefore, all Hopi Tribal Offices and Department will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 29, 2021.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Tips to Gift Your Child With Tech Safely This Holiday Season

(StatePoint) Are you wondering if this is the right year to gift your child a smartphone for the holidays?

While age may seem important, maturity levels play a big role in letting you know if your child is ready to handle the responsibility of owning a connected device. It's always important to weigh the pros and cons.

The benefits of a smartphone and internet access are that they offer a wealth of educational opportunities for students. Children are early adopters of the latest technology and in many cases, can absorb and digest information easier and much faster than adults.

The downside is that children have access to everything on the internet, including potentially inappropriate content.

The good news is that there are many safety and monitoring apps and tools available, some at low or no cost to you. For example, T-Mobile offers Family Mode, an app that allows the primary account holder to monitor a child's internet access when the app is downloaded on the device. T-Mobile also offers Family Allowances, an app that for a small monthly fee, allows you to assign allowances for the number of minutes, texts, downloaded content and money spent on downloadable apps. It also allows you to block your

child's use of their devices during certain times of the day, such as school, during homework, dinner time or at night.

Google Family Link is another option that is free of cost and provides you with the ability to monitor your child's web activity, limit daily phone access, and approve or decline downloadable app purchases. You can also check with your internet provider or wireless smartphone provider to see what child safety features are available with your current plan.

If your child isn't quite ready for a phone, but you still want to have the ability to monitor and communicate with them, a connected smartwatch may be the next best option. T-Mobile recently launched SyncUP KIDS Watch, which features real-time location tracking, talk and text with approved contacts only, virtual boundary alerts, silent mode to use during school, and a help button that alerts pre-set emergency contacts when pushed. It has safety feature that parents want, but is also fun for kids, with a camera to snap and record moments, plus interactive games. To learn more, visit t-mobile.com.

Having safety tools and features available at the swipe of your fingertips will put your mind at ease and help create healthy habits when your child navigates the digital world, with or without you around

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TECHNOLOGY

Is it Time to Switch Wireless Companies?



(StatePoint) In the past couple of years, we've had to switch up so much in our routines, and from working from home to virtually visiting doctors, our devices have been there with us through it all.

Yet, there's one switch that most people shy away from: switching wireless companies. While the process can seem daunting, there are many potential benefits to switching plans. Perks can include helping paying off your current device, and depending on your current plan, you could receive a lower monthly plan cost or increased benefits and services.

Unfortunately, misconceptions about switching plans persist. Some common ones include:

1. It takes too long: Switching plans doesn't need to be time consuming. For example, in most cases, you can switch to T-Mobile in 30 to 60 minutes.

2. You can't keep your phone number: You should be able to bring your current phone number to any wireless carrier when making the switch.

3. Your current device won't work: Most smartphones in the last five years work across all networks, meaning you can bring your current device with you when you switch.

4. The network won't be as good: Recent third-party studies found T-Mobile, America's 5G leader with the largest 5G network, has the fastest average 5G download speeds. Plus, you can even Test Drive its nationwide LTE network before switching.

5. Switching is too expensive: Switching carriers could actually save you mon-

ey. Right now, when you switch to T-Mobile, you can keep your phone number and eligible device and they will help you pay off your current device.

Here are some steps to help make the switching process as easy as possible:

- Pick a plan: Learn about what plan work best for you and your family. T-Mobile offers plans for military and first responders, customers age 55 and over, family specific plans and more. Learn more at t-mobile.com.

- Compile your current plan information: There are a few pieces of information you need on hand before you visit a store. They include the name of your plan with your current provider, your account number and PIN or pass code, your phone brand and model, and any financial information or credit locks in place that need to be removed.

- What to bring with you: A copy of your latest bill in printed form or even a simple screenshot, a valid driver's license or state-issued ID, your social security number or Tax ID and your phone. If you're switching multiple lines, the primary account holder will be able to do that for all lines.

- Pick a phone or keep your own: To get the most out of the network, you may want to bring your eligible 5G phone or you can upgrade to a new device. Look for deals on new devices ahead of time to see if there are any you are interested in.

These steps will take the hassle and headache out of making the switch to another wireless company.

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Seeks Volunteers to Assist in Second Search for Ambrose "Moe" Siquah



"Moe" is about 5'11" tall, weighs about 175 pounds and has dark brown eyes and dark brown hair with a visible dark scar on his left cheek. He was last seen wearing a dark blue or black shirt and denim jeans

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Louella N. Furcap,
Public Information Officer First Mesa
Consolidated Villages

November 11, 2021 Polacca, Arizona
- - The First Mesa Consolidated Villages is recruiting Volunteers to assist in a second Search for Missing Person Ambrose "Moe" Siquah.

A year ago, on Sept. 28, 2020, Ambrose was last seen walking near his home in Keams Canyon, AZ on the Hopi reservation. Ambrose disappeared and has not been seen since.

New leads may have been identified and a more organized Search effort is being planned under the guidance and training

of the BIA Criminal Investigation Unit and Law Enforcement. Honwungsi Consulting Services will assist in providing support services to volunteers and families.

A two-part Search and Rescue/Recover training session will be held at the First Mesa Consolidated Villages Community Building on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for interested volunteers. The Search Team will mobilize to specified locations on Thursday and Friday, November 18, 2021 and November 19, 2021.

Any questions regarding the Volunteer Training may be directed to the First Mesa Consolidated Villages at 928-737-2670.



Hopi Board of Education is Seeking Additional Candidates to Fill Remaining Four Seats *Information Session to be Held*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Dr. Noreen E. Sakiestewa

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Friday, November 12, 2021. The Hopi Board of Education (HBE) is looking for enthusiastic and highly qualified candidates to fill four seats on the HBE. A virtual Information Session will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, to provide information on the HBE appointment process.

On October 22, 2021, the first five members of the HBE were sworn in. As the HBE is intended to be a 9-member board, the following four attendance areas remain open on the HBE:

- First Mesa Elementary School
- Hotevilla Bacavi Community School
- Keams Canyon Elementary School
- At-Large member representing the entire Hopi Reservation.

“Self-nominations for appointment are accepted and nominations can also be made by school boards, parent committees, villages, and community members.” stated HBE Election Team Lead, Mr. Sam Tenakhongva.

Throughout this entire process, the Hopi Health and Education Committee have supported the transition to a unified Hopi School System. The Committee’s Chairman, Mr. David Talayumtewa, stated that “...it is very important that each school Attendance Area has every opportunity to put forth their unique needs and

goals on the HBE, and so I encourage all who are interested to apply for these remaining positions and contribute to this important and historic development in Hopi education.”

The HBE and the Hopi School System Transition Team are looking forward to accepting applications for these important positions. Dr. Noreen E. Sakiestewa, Director of the Hopi Department of Education and Workforce Development, stated “I encourage all those who would like to give their time for our children and help create a truly Hopi school system anchored in the principles and values of the Hopi way of life.”

A virtual public “Information Session on the Appointment of the Hopi Board of Education” will be held on November 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994912528> or by phone at 346-248-7799, Meeting ID 819 9491 2528.

This Information Session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the HBE qualification requirements, application processes, and ask questions. The HBE application due date is November 30, 2021, 5:00 p.m. The HBE Candidate application and other information can be found at <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/department-of-education/>, or by contacting Dr. Noreen E. Sakiestewa at NSakiestewa@hopi.nsn.us or at 928-734-3501.



HOLIDAY SEASON

5 Tips to Prep Your Home for Holiday Guests



(StatePoint) Cooler temperatures, outings to the Christmas tree farm, game nights and holiday feasts. Now that the holiday season is here, it’s time to prep your home for seasonal fun! Whether you’re hosting a big or small group of family and friends this holiday season, decorating and decluttering around the house can make party prep easier and more enjoyable for everyone. With that in mind, here are some top tips to create functional and stylish spaces that are easy to keep clean and tidy throughout the festivities.

Delightful décor. Make any room feel warm and welcoming with EasyLiner Removable Adhesive Shelf Liner by Duck Brand. Decorating with laminate is an affordable way to add pops of color to a kitchen backsplash, reading nook or old side table. Choose a print that matches your style and easily stick the laminate to smooth, flat surfaces for a fresh new look that will wow your guests.

Mudroom without messy floors. Preparing an area near your entryway for bags and shoes is a must when expecting visitors. If you have a bench with storage, add machine-washable liner to the cubby to keep shelves clean and dry. Placing liner by the entrance of your home will also offer extra space to store muddy or wet shoes and stop salt and snow from tracking in the house. When guests leave, toss

the liner in the wash and reuse.

Spotless spaces for kids. All holiday gatherings need a space for kids to have fun and play together. While setting up for arts and crafts, line the table with a clear, textured liner to prevent crayons, markers or glue from damaging surfaces. When it’s time to clean up, simply wipe the liner or toss it in the dishwasher.

Get your guest room ready. If you have family staying overnight, it’s time to get your guest room in shape. Dress up drawers and closet shelves with Smooth Top EasyLiner. The grip bottom will keep the liner and items in place. Trendy patterns will elevate your home décor and guests will appreciate how clean and homey the space feels during their stay.

Bathroom basics. Once you’re done prepping the guest room, don’t forget about the guest bathroom. Keep styling stations and the bath clean and tidy with shelf liner and a bath mat. Duck Brand offers a variety of cushioned, machine-washable bath and shower mats for extra comfort and safety. The Clorox mat is also designed to prevent the growth of mold and mildew on the mat.

Making these small updates around the house now will keep your most-used spaces clean and tidy to ensure family and friends are comfortable and happy over the holidays.

The Hopi Wellness Center Re-Opens Its Doors

Submitted by: Elvia Sanchez, Program Manager - Hopi Wellness Center

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Monday, November 8, 2021 and as we continue to adjust to the new norms of safety measures and protocols, the Hopi Wellness Center (HWC) and the Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center (HVMC) re-opened its doors to the public today, November 8, 2021.

The safety of our team and participants is a top priority in efforts to mitigate the health pandemic. The team has researched, discussed and developed a safety plan that best meets our working environment. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to make adjustments and improve our practices within this time of transition. The HWC/HVMC developed Re-Opening Plan is our guidance to provide clean and actionable steps toward the safe operations of re-opening the facilities.

It has been 18 months that the HWC and the HVMC have been closed. The Hopi Wellness Center staff will continue to provide a sense of hope and faith to the community as we will continue to encourage, support, and motivate the importance of staying active and eating healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to seeing our participants and although we may not be able to see your smile (due to face mask requirements), a thumbs up will suffice as an alternative.

Please expect the updated changes and new processes as following:

Verification of your Covid-19 vaccination card must be provided at your initial appointment.

FITNESS CENTER

1. The Fitness Center hours of operation is as follows until further notice:

- Mondays: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Closed for cleaning
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Closed for cleaning
- Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Closed for cleaning and other activities
- Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Closed for cleaning
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Closed for cleaning
- Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Closed for cleaning and other activities
- Fridays: Closed

2. The Fitness Center will be available only to residing Hopi community members until further notice.

3. The capacity limit allowed in the Fitness Center will be at 25% (10 participants per hour).

4. The Fitness Center will only allow participants ages 12 and older that are fully vaccinated, into the facility.

5. Prior to participants entering the Fitness Center, staff will administer temperature checks, the questionnaire screening, and sign in the participants.

6. Participants are required to wear a face mask (cloth, paper, or N95) when utilizing the Fitness Center and/or attending a group fitness class. High altitude training masks will not be allowed.

7. The locker rooms will be open for changing only. The showers and saunas will be closed.

8. The hand towels will not be available until further notice. Participants will bring their own towels.

9. The drinking fountains will not be available. We encourage participants to bring their own water.

10. The storage room will be closed.

11. Personal training services are on hold until further notice.

12. Kids Korner services is closed until further notice.

13. Enhanced Fitness Program (EFP) – Due to the elderly at a higher risk for Covid-19, especially those with chronic disease(s), the EFP classes may be limited, or cancelled, until further notice.

14. To maintain the recommended six feet social distancing; the free weights area, group fitness room, and strength and cardio equipment areas will limit the number of users in each area.

15. Every other piece of cardio and strength machine will be unavailable to maintain six feet of spacing between participants.

TIME BLOCK APPOINTMENTS

1. Time block appointments, per hour, will be available, and, will begin at the top of the hour.

2. Appointments must be made daily until all time blocks are filled.

3. Participants will be limited to a 50-minute time block usage of the Fitness Center.

a. The initial time block appointment will include updating registration and the screening process.

4. Participants will not be allowed to extend their appointment time once it is scheduled.

5. No walk-ins will be allowed.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

1. The Fitness Center will conduct group fitness classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

2. Group fitness classes are limited to 10 participants per class. Participants are required to call in to sign-up for a class. No walk-ins will be allowed.

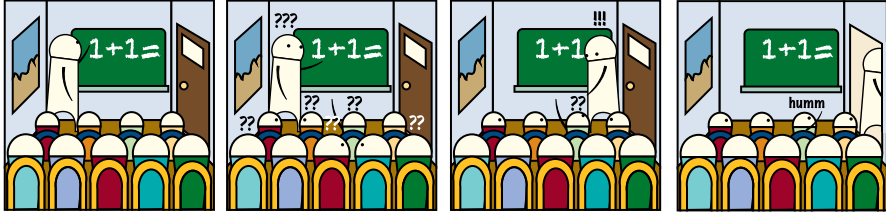
3. Group fitness classes will be conducted outdoors and/or in the Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center gymnasium, until further notice.

Rentals of the Hopi Wellness Center conference room and the HVMC are available with updated processes; please contact the office for more information at 928-734-3432.

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by: Carl Onsae

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HOLIDAY COOKING

Elevate Holiday Cooking With Quick and Easy Tweaks



(StatePoint) Holiday cooking and entertaining don't have to be overly complex to impress. Here are quick, simple ways to elevate your meals for memorable experiences your friends and family will love:

Balanced Seasoning

Are your go-to family recipes in need of an update? Enhance the flavor profile of savory holiday dishes by swapping out salt and pepper and instead, reaching for Livia's Seasoning Salt, an all-natural, pre-blended seasoning of kosher salt, coarse-ground black pepper and garlic.

"Livia's is good on just about everything, which is why it's the not-so-secret ingredient in a lot my creations," says Peter Hoff, executive chef and partner, NO-LO's Kitchen & Bar.

You can use Livia's in a number of ways during meal preparation and table-side to give holiday dishes something extra:

- Add flair to appetizers by shaking it into the yolk mixture of deviled eggs or using it to season baked brie.

- Season the outside of your turkey with olive oil and a few liberal shakes of Livia's, or even create your own brine that will become a treasured recipe of its own.

- Season hams and roasts with it.

- Add it to stuffing and mashed potatoes.

- Update morning egg bake recipes to wow overnight guests.

- Include it on your holiday table so that guests can season their food to taste.

For more information, visit liviaseasoningsalt.com.

Add Pizzazz to Desserts

With a few updates, you can give your standard dessert line-up a touch of elegance. Use fresh ginger in your gingerbread cookies. Create your own crumbs for sprinkling on top of cakes. Garnish slices of pie with a mint or basil sprig or a cinnamon stick. Melt your favorite chocolate and drizzle it on anything.

Up Your Tablescape Game

A holiday feast is the perfect time to create a special atmosphere. And you can do so easily by breaking out your best dishes and utensils, as well as by adding a few natural elements to the table, such as poinsettias, holly, evergreens and pinecones. Ditch the overhead lights and use candles or other warm lighting to create a soft, convivial glow.

You don't need to overhaul your entire menu to make your holiday feast special. Make quick, simple tweaks and additions to your existing recipes and entertaining traditions to elevate the occasion.

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From Winslow:

From Winslow the Hart Ranch is approximately 40 miles west on I-40. Exit at the Twin Arrows Exit (Exit 219).

Harvesting sites are located approximately 5.5 miles south of the exit.

WEMP staff will be stationed at the main entrance to check you in and direct you to the different sites.

ITEMS TO BRING:

Your Tribal Enrollment Card and/or ID.

A spare tire, tools, chainsaw, food and plenty of water.

****NOTE****

A special Hopi Tribal Wood Hauling Permit will be issued to you at the main entrance before you leave the Hart Ranch.

For more information, you may contact the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program at (928) 497-1014.

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feedback

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response November 12, 2021 Report

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – November 12, 2021

This data is updated on the Hopi Tribe's website "COVID-19 Response and Resources" page.

Hopi Health Care Center – Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccines are available every Tuesday's for the month of November for those 18-years and older for Pfizer and Moderna only. Call (928) 737-6049/6081/6148 - Appointments are required.

COVID-19 Testing Drive-up Testing schedule: Monday – Friday from 8-9am AND 2:30– 4 pm. Enter at the west entrance & drive around back. Wear a mask & stay in your vehicle. For more information about other testing options please call (928) 737-6233.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation - Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information

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.

As of November 12, 2021, the United States now has approximately 46,626 million confirmed positive cases with over 755,201 deaths reported.

Over 1,202 million confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 22,749 are in Navajo and 24,088 in Coconino Counties.

The Hopi Health Care Centers most recent data report indicates over 12,241 patients tested as of November 9, 2021. Over

1,668 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 1,225 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 336 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1,580*** positive Hopi Tribal members.

*Note: Data include all state-wide data from facilities such as the Hopi Health Care Center, Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals. + Includes Village member(s) retested positive.

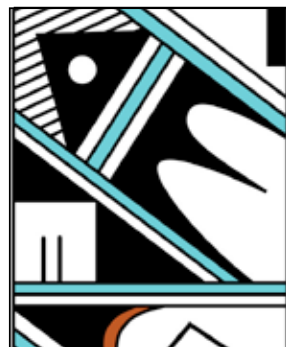
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- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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 COVID-19 - as of November 12, 2021					
Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process		Total Tested
29	1,668	10,465	31		12,241
		Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total	
Kiqötsmóvi		135	32	163***	
Orayvi		32	1	33	
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)		359	12	378***	
Musangnuvi		110	1	116***	
Supawłavi		72	2	76***	
Songöopavi		239	4	244+	
Yuwelu-paki		12		12	
Paaqavi		58	7	68***	
Hotvela		142	54	195	
Keams Canyon		56	10	69***	
Flagstaff			3	3	
Munqapi		1	208*	209*	
Phoenix		1		2***	
Winslow		5		7***	
Prescott		1		1	
Tuba City		0	2	2	
Tesstoh		2		2	
TOTAL		1,225	336	1,580***	

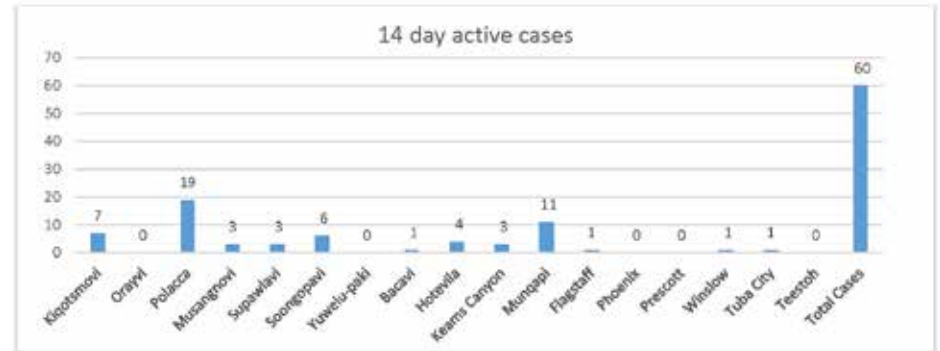


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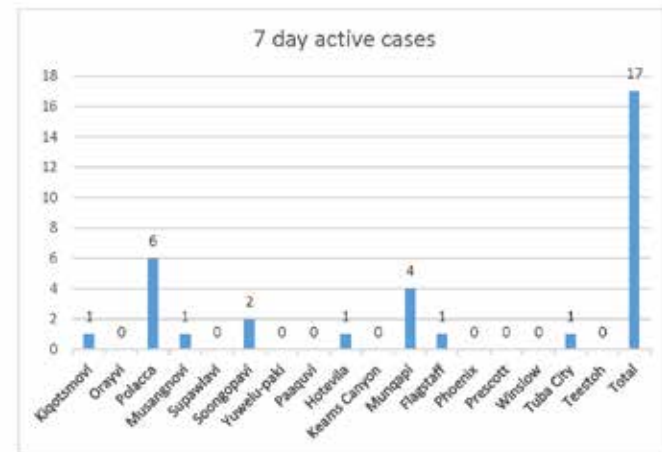


Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response November 12, 2021 Report, Cont.

Village	Most recent case
Bacavi	November 5
Flagstaff	November 9
Hotevilla	November 7
Keams Canyon	November 3
Kykotsmovi	November 7
Musungnuvi	November 9
Moencopi	November 9
Orayvi	October 30
Phoenix	July 23
Polacca	November 11
Soogoopavi	November 9
Supawlavi	November 2
Teestoh'	August 27
Tuba City	November 8
Winslow	October 29
YuWehloo Pahki	January 13



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village (includes tribal residing off-reservation). Currently there are 60 active cases that are defined as persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village (includes tribal residing off-reservation). Currently there are 17 active cases that are defined as persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 7 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

Vaccination Data as of November 3, 2021

Village	Population Estimate	Number Vaccinated*	Percent of population vaccinated	Vaccine Ranking Highest=1
Bacavi	337	209	62.02%	7
Hotevilla	871	568	65.21%	5
Kykotsmovi	709	588	82.93%	2
Mushongovi	679	314	46.24%	9
Moencopi	1,146	851	74.26%	3
Orayvi	103	120	116.50%	1
Shungopavi	1,013	710	70.09%	4
Sipawlavi	371	206	55.53%	8
Polacca	1,908	1,220	63.94%	6
Total*	7137**	4,786	67.06%	

This Table looks at both cases per capita for the Tribe and persons that have received at a least one dose of the vaccine since the beginning of the pandemic. The village populations were calculated from the enrolment data from the tribe and is simply a rough estimate.

*Excludes the vaccines from Keams Canyon, Spider Mound, and those calculated as Second Mesa. The three groups combine for another 451 Hopi Tribal members who have received at least the first dose of the vaccine.

Total reservation percent vaccinated ~73.38% Eligible population vaccinated ** ~81.36%

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Project Objectives

The objectives of this project include:

- Develop, administer, and analyze a market survey to understand who potential clients are and what current and future needs are.
- Provide executive summary to report findings of the market survey.

Target Geographies

Hopi Credit Association's target market is Hopi Tribal enrolled members residing on the Hopi Reservation. We would also like the market survey to reach Hopi Tribal enrolled members residing in the State of Arizona to understand needs off the reservation.

Project Timeline*

Final Project Due: March 31, 2022.

Submission Requirements*

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Contact Information

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Alissa Charley

lisa@hopicredit.us or 928.738.2205

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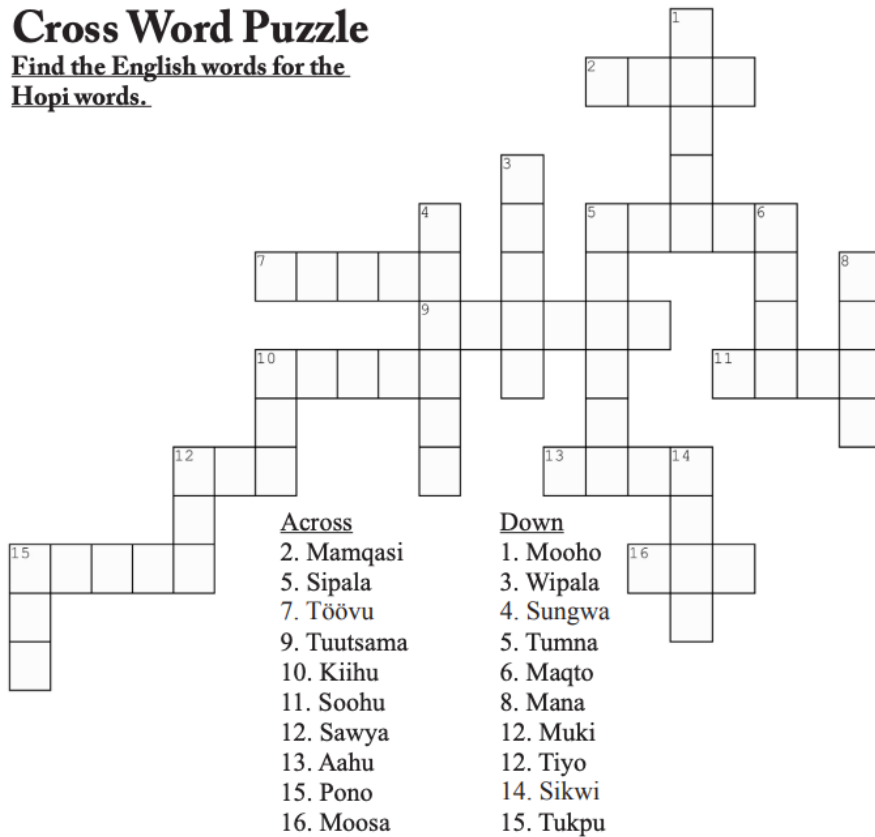
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13. Aahu
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16. Moosa

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1. Mooho
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4. Sungwa
5. Tumna
6. Maqto
8. Mana
12. Muki
12. Tiyo
14. Sikwi
15. Tukpu

Answers in next issue

Answers for November 3 issue

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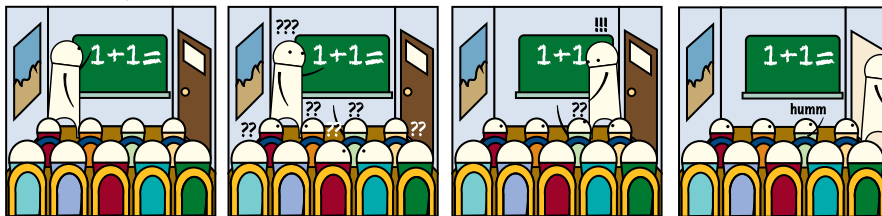
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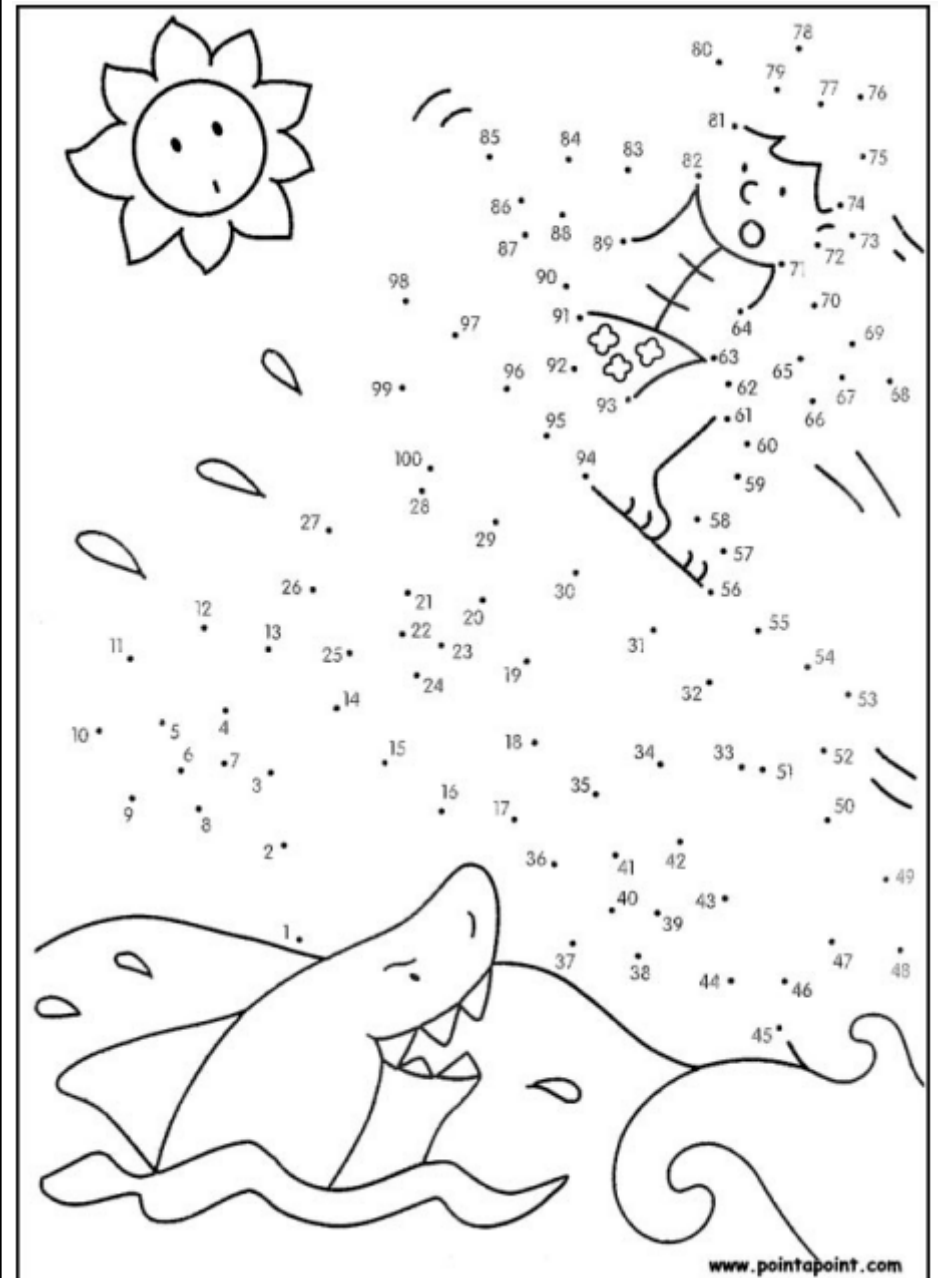
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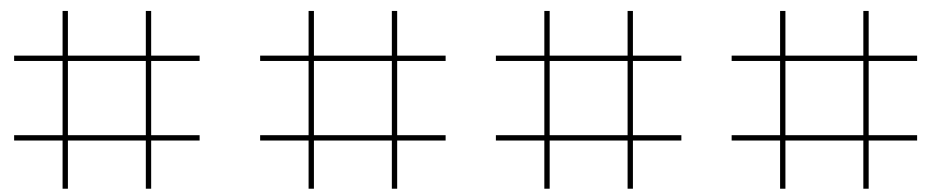
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PUZZLES AND GAMES



TICK-TACK-TOE





We are closer to the end of the year! It seemed like yesterday it was Monday, January 1, 1999, and now we are going to be in the year 2022! I know right? With only less than 6 weeks left in the year, it amazes me that a whole year can fit within a few weeks of living.

Well, we are past one of the major holidays of the year, that being Halloween, and up next is Thanksgiving, and Christmas according to the pahana calendar. With Halloween done, turkey day is just around the corner. I'm excited as always but it was not always like that when I was a mush head kitten.

Every year Hopis celebrate Thanksgiving but not for the reasons pahanam celebrate it. I mean, we don't celebrate the major holidays like it was meant to be celebrated, because America has made it into a major business and we are just consumers buying into their holiday spending spirit.

I know I've written about this holiday before, but in my Hopi cat opinion, the thing is that Thanksgiving is not just about turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, and cranberry sauce. It's about the time you should spend with your loved ones. I know it sounds like a sappy love story, but even the movies get it right, occasionally.

When I was still a mush head kitten my mother would cook the traditional pahana Thanksgiving meal complete with a cornucopia, whatever that it is, but we had it, and why we had it completely puzzled me. But we had that thing on the table in our 3-bedroom trailer home.

When I was a youngling, I didn't think Thanksgiving was a real holiday because it was just a dry

turkey that we got served in grade school during lunchtime. Our parents would come and eat with us during that time to celebrate the dry turkey day, but the gravy was our best friend...and I mean lots and lots of gravy. But thinking of it now, it was the best time to have our parents come and sit with us and embarrass us in front of our friends, but I guess we do take our parents for granted...sometimes.

Soon after our parent luncheon, the making of "hand turkeys" would top it off and I thought I was the best at making the hand turkeys. You know I always wondered how anyone could have come up with the idea of tracing one's hand and making that look like a turkey. But once the dry turkey day was over the real holiday that every child dreamt of...of course, is Christmas! Now for every child that is the holiday to be in.

You know, being thankful for our food and the hand turkeys is one thing, being thankful for the life we still have and the perfect memories we store is another thing. Yes, I know I said celebrating Thanksgiving should not be about the turkey, even though it is cooked right, Thanksgiving should be a time of gratitude for all that we still have in our tradition, we still have our culture, we still have our language and we still have our heritage.

Yes, I know this holiday was about the Puritans and the Florida Indians celebrating, but Thanksgiving should be interpreted how you feel it should be for you, not because hand turkeys and construction paper war bonnets are cool but because making those things with the people you love is the best thing in the world.

Larry's Corner

Thank you Turkey Gods

When we look at the world today, all we see is the devastation of humanity, but that's all-what media feeds us, because it makes for a good television show. They don't show us the goodness in the world. They don't show us the culture or the small stuff. So, why do even bother with bad news? It's not going to put food on the table, or chop wood for us. So that's why I don't watch the news unless there is going to be a free pizza at the pizzeria.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it's the little things in life that we don't remember, like being thankful that my cat boots don't have a tear in them, or being ever so thankful to my jeans for still fitting after all the turkey-on-turkey day. Those are the little things that we don't recognize and we don't give thanks for.

So, what are you thankful for? Why do you celebrate thanksgiving? Even if you don't celebrate Thanksgiving, what are you thankful for every day? I know for a fact that I am thankful for my Cat mobile, it takes me to the store to get cat treats, and I'm thankful for my pizza too because it is only \$1.25 a slice when I want to eat pizza. I guess being thankful for everything is something we could practice and even if something doesn't apply to us, we could be thankful for it anyway.

So, my advice to you is that if you celebrate Thanksgiving as I do, just remember two things, one, gravy is your best friend, and two, cultural appropriation shouldn't get in the way of celebrating your thankfulness towards your loved ones. So go ahead and take another slice of turkey meat, because that's what I'm thankful for with no portion control.

Officials tease ‘an array’ of announcements ahead of tribal summit



The White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Vincent Schilling)

Chris Aadland
Indian Country Today

Ahead of a tribal leadership summit next week, White House officials say Indian Country should be prepared for the Biden administration to announce a number of “exciting” actions that, in some cases, tribal nations have wanted for months or years.

Two White House officials – PaaWee Rivera and Libby Washburn – didn’t disclose any other details when speaking with Indian Country Today this week, but said the many of the policy announcements, through moves like executive action, would be related to longstanding policy desires from tribes, as well as the Biden administration fulfilling campaign and transition promises to Indian Country.

“I don’t want to ruin the surprise, so I’m not going to say exactly what’s coming,” Washburn, special assistant to the president for Native American Affairs under the White House Domestic Policy Council, said Monday. “But you will see an array of things, announcements internally, agency-to-agency and lots of interagency announcements as well.”

The White House Tribal Nations Summit will take place virtually on Nov. 15 and 16 for the first time since 2016. President Donald Trump reestablished the White House Council on Native American Affairs but did not

host the summit, then called a conference. The White House said in the spring that it was planning to re-establish the event.

The meeting, an opportunity for tribal leaders to meet with administration officials and communicate their priorities, was renamed from a conference to a summit to recognize the nation-to-nation relationship tribes have with the federal government, Washburn, Chickasaw Nation, said.

While Rivera and Washburn declined to disclose more details of the policy announcement, Biden laid out a broad set of policy goals for Indian Country during his campaign, like increasing access to healthcare, improving tribal consultation, ensuring access to clean drinking water on tribal lands, addressing the chronic underfunding of federal obligations to tribal nations and tackling the missing and murdered Indigenous person crisis. Re-establishing the tribal leaders’ meeting was one of those goals.

The summit will also give tribal leaders an opportunity to share with the Biden administration what they believe it should prioritize when it comes to Indian Country policy and won’t just be White House officials “talking at” tribal leaders and highlighting policy achievements, Washburn said. The event will include plenty of dialogue and a listening session that will help the administration set policy goals, she added.

“We’ve worked very hard to fulfill all of the promises that were made during the campaign. And now we want to hear what the tribes want in this second year,” Washburn said. “So it’ll be an opportunity to figure that out and for the tribal leaders to give us their input on what they’re wanting us to focus on.”

Rivera, a citizen of the Pueblo of Pojoaque and senior advisor in the White House’s Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, said he expects topics like COVID-19’s impact on tribal communities, climate change and the environment to be popular topics of discussion. He also said infrastructure – especially given Congress passing a \$1 trillion infrastructure package with \$11 billion reserved for tribes on Nov. 5 – is likely to come up frequently.

The summit will also come amid Native American Heritage Month. For Rivera, the virtual gathering, along with a tribal youth forum later the same week, will be one of the best ways the administration can recognize the month.

“I think next week’s tribal nations Summit is probably the most significant way that we can honor Native American Heritage Month, really honoring the nation to nation relationship,” he said. “Having the focus of the entire administration really dive deep on the issues that tribes care about, and giving the opportunity for tribal leaders to come together and then share those priorities with us ... those are the ways that we’re concretely honoring Native American Heritage Month.”

Who is the world's greatest climate champion?



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, left, and Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, greet U.S. President Joe Biden at his arrival to the United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP26, in Glasgow, Scotland. (Photo courtesy of Karwai Tang/ UK Government)

Mark Hertsgaard
Covering Climate Now

GLASGOW, Scotland — It's an article of faith in US political and media circles that American leadership is essential to global climate progress. That message was repeated Tuesday at the United Nations climate conference COP26 as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and a delegation of 16 fellow congressional Democrats congratulated themselves and U.S. president Joe Biden for the "Build Back Better" climate legislation they are trying to pass in the United States Congress.

Never mind that the United States, under Democrats and Republicans alike, has arguably been the single biggest obstacle to global climate action since the 1992 Earth Summit that set in motion the negotiations whose latest installment is now unfolding in Glasgow.

Former President Donald Trump's withdrawal of the U.S. from the 2015 Paris Agreement is only the most obvious recent example of that obstructionism. Indeed, the main reason the Paris Agreement, which was signed under President Barack Obama, is only an agreement rather than a treaty regarded as legally binding is that then – Secretary of State John Kerry and his international counterparts knew full well that the US Senate would never ratify a treaty that committed countries to keeping global temperature rise "well below" 2 degrees Celsius.

The United States was even more hostile to climate action during George W. Bush's eight years in the White House. And in 1997, when the world's governments approved the Kyoto Protocol, Bill Clinton's administration did not bother submitting it to the Senate because, ac-

ording to then – Vice President Al Gore, not even 10 senators were likely to approve it.

But American exceptionalism is a sturdy beast, as journalists in Glasgow witnessed Tuesday afternoon.

"Led by our delegation, the United States Congress is showing the world true climate leadership," Pelosi boasted at a press conference that featured more speech-making than exchanges with reporters. When Pelosi introduced each member of Congress by name and urged them to applaud themselves, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez notably did not join the clapping. Pelosi went on to extoll the \$250 billion that the Build Back Better budget bill allocates to "clean energy tax credits" and its \$222 billion for "environmental justice." She praised the bill's \$150 billion for "climate-smart agriculture and nature-based climate solutions." She emphasized the hundreds of billions of dollars for family medical leave, universal pre-K, and other social welfare programs that will "enable everyone to participate in the economic prosperity that will flow from this" bill—because, she added, "this is all about the children, leaving them a world where they can be healthy and more secure."

By the time the speaker had invited the chairs of the Foreign Affairs, Science and Technology, Natural Resources, and other committees to speak, and they had finished thanking Pelosi for her leadership and claiming that the Build Back Better Act would put the US on track to limiting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, there was time for only two questions from reporters.

The first asked whether Pelosi still intended the House to pass the Build Back Better Act the week of November 15. The speaker confirmed that she did. The second ques-

tion was rather less predictable. After saying, "I want a woman," a nod to a panel discussion earlier in the day about gender equality, Pelosi got a question from Abby Martin of "The Empire Files."

"Speaker Pelosi, you just presided over a large increase in the Pentagon budget," Martin said. Pointing out that the Pentagon budget "is already massive" and "the Pentagon is a larger polluter than 140 countries combined," Martin asked Pelosi, "How can we possibly talk about net zero if there is this bipartisan consensus to constantly expand this large contributor to climate change?"

Veteran politicians are skilled at not answering questions they don't want to answer. Pelosi invited John Pallone, chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, to respond. He said the military knows that climate change is a national security issue, "so I don't see...increasing the defense budget as being something that's inconsistent with climate action." Likewise avoiding the subject of the Pentagon's bountiful budget, Pelosi added that reducing the military's use of fossil fuels would help "stop" climate change, so "that is something we're very focused on."

And then it was time to conclude. The conference organizers, Pelosi explained, "are telling us it's time to clean the room."

Mark Hertsgaard is the co-founder and executive director of Covering Climate and the environment correspondent for The Nation.

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Native Cinema Showcase opens for world viewing

The film, "Waikiki," is among the featured films at the National Museum of the American Indian's Native Cinema Showcase, which will be available worldwide from Nov. 12-18, 2021. The film is directed by Christopher Kahunahana, and is the first narrative, feature-length film written and directed by a Native Hawaiian filmmaker. (Photo courtesy of the Waikiki film)

Sandra Hale Schulman
Special to Indian Country Today

As part of the Native American Heritage Month celebration, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is bringing the annual Native Cinema Showcase to online audiences Nov. 12–18, making them available to everyone.

Focusing on language, healing, building community, and a continued relationship with the land, the films reveal a strong thread of activism at the heart of the stories. It is a unique forum for engagement with Native filmmakers from Indigenous communities throughout the Western Hemisphere and the Arctic.

All but four of the feature films will be available to watch worldwide, said Cindy Benitez, the program manager who curates and runs the showcase. She also hosts the film and conversation series and curates international film showcases.

"Some highlights for this year are women at the forefront of Native film," said Benitez, a Paraguayan-American who is a non-Native, in an email to Indian Country Today.

The program includes 47 films, including seven features and 40 shorts, with 28 of those by women, she said. The films represent 39 Native nations in 13 countries: the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Brazil, Sweden, Greenland, and the Solomon Islands.

In addition to the films, the showcase includes a series of pre-recorded panel discussions with Native filmmakers and writers about various aspects of Indigenous storytelling.

One of the must-see films, Benitez said, is "Beans," which she describes as a "powerful coming-of-age story set in true events" in the Oka Crisis in Canada in 1990. Directed by Mohawk filmmaker Tracey Deer, the film is both "riveting and stirring," she said, as seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old girl.

She also recommends the "funny and engaging" film, "Run Woman Run," by Heiltsuk/Mohawk director Zoe Hopkins. It follows "a single mother's journey to face her past and get healthy by running a marathon."

Another film causing buzz is from Hawaii, the dramatic feature, "Waikiki," directed by Christopher Kahunahana. It is the first narrative, feature-length film written and directed by a Native Hawaiian filmmaker, she said.

"Actress Danielle Zalopany gives a commanding performance as Kea," Benitez said.

The short programs provide a cross-section of works.

"The Native Cinema Showcase shorts program all are incredibly diverse and come from Indigenous communities across the Western Hemisphere," she said. "We have a great mix of music videos, strong Native-led protagonists, animation, poetry, and Indigenous-language-based short films."

The showcase also includes a strong lineup from Latin America and the Pacifica, she said, including, "Snake's Mouth," (Boca de Culebra) from Mexico and the U.S.; "Kapaemahu," from Hawaii; and "Between Two Lines," from Australia.

Panel discussions hit a variety of topics as well.

The "Different Lens" panel celebrates how women and two-spirited people tell Indigenous stories through their own lens. The panel discussion focuses on the new films that tell these stories, how they came to be made, and the struggles filmmakers encountered and overcame.

The Showcase Filmmaker Panel features Native filmmakers and writers discussing their experiences with Indigenous storytelling.

The museum receives hundreds of films each year through research, film festivals and submissions, she said.

"The National Museum of the American Indian's programming team chooses films that fit within the museum's mission of equity and social justice," she said. "We want to ensure we highlight the creative work of Indigenous filmmakers and offer audiences an insight into the life and contemporary issues of Indigenous communities throughout the Western Hemisphere."

Benitez has seen the rise in popularity and interest in Native film over the years.

"There has always been an interest throughout the years of Native Cinema Showcase of Native films and stories," Benitez said, "but never has (it) steadily remained in the main-

stream until the disparity of diversity and inclusion in the entertainment industry began to be looked at more closely."

Hashtags such as #OscarsSoWhite, #BlackLivesMatter and #wearenotyourmascots took hold and a movement began to break those barriers of underrepresentation for all people of color.

Native writers, producers and filmmakers began to gain notice, including Taika Waititi, the first person of Maori descent to win an Oscar; Sierra Ornelas Teller, co-creator, executive producer, and writer of Peacock's "Rutherford Falls"; and Sterlin Harjo, producer and writer of "Reservation Dogs."

"The support of Indigenous storytelling continues to rise and hopefully this is just the beginning," she said.

Native Cinema Showcase

7 features and 40 shorts

13 countries represented: USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Brazil, Sweden, Greenland, and Solomon Islands

28 out of 47 films are directed, co-directed or produced by women

About 20 Indigenous languages spoken in the films

2 features and 8 shorts from Latin America representing Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Chile and Brazil. Features: "The Song of the Butterflies" (El Canto de las Mariposas) and "What Happened to the Bees?" (¿Qué les pasó a las Abejas?)

2 features and 11 shorts from Canada: "Beans" and "Run Woman Run"

Asian Pacific Islander films that include one feature and nine shorts representing Hawai'i, New Zealand, Australia, and Solomon Islands. Feature: "Waikiki"

39 tribes represented

For more info

The full schedule, including information about geographic restrictions, is available at the National Museum of the American Indian website.

Correction: This story has been updated to reflect that the film, "Mouth of the Snake," is from Mexico and the United States, and that Cindy Benitez is a Paraguayan-American. Those details were incorrect in an earlier version of the story.