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Photo Caption: Pictured l-r are: Raymond Namoki - Village of Sipaulavi Representative, Merwin Yoyetewa - Village of Mishongnovi Representative, Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Vice Chairman Craig Andrews, Rosa Honanie - Village of Sipaulavi Representative, Dale Siquah - First Mesa Consolidated Villages Representative, Clifford Qotsaquahu Village of Bakabi Representative, and Michael Elmer - Village of Upper Moenkopi Representative present and doing the "ribbon cutting" during the HAMP Dedication Ceremony on July 30, 2022 at Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Photo by: Ariel Escobedo, WW Clyde, Inc.

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Submitted by: Hopi Utilities Corporation

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - August 03, 2022. At dawn on a crisp Saturday morning of July 30, 2022, runners gathered at the starting line at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center to run the 10K HAMP Celebration Run. The Celebration Run was significant in that for the Hopi senom running is an act of prayer for rain, which brings water for life and sustenance in this high desert region in northeastern Arizona; and in this case is befitting the celebration for completion of a regional water delivery system for the community.

The HAMP Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony started shortly after 9:00 a.m. with Vice Chairman Craig Andrews serving as the emcee for the event. He introduced Leigh Lomayestewa, Shungopavi Kikmongwi, who provided an eloquent Hopi prayer. Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma followed by welcoming the community and special guests to the celebration and talking about the long history of the Hopi Tribe, affected villages and federal partners working together to find a best solution to address the high level of arsenic in the water from wells at First and Second Mesa and further east in Keams Canyon.

The wells serving the community were first installed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the 1960s. In 2002 the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) revised its drinking water standards for public water systems which reduced the federal maximum contaminant level of arsenic from 50 parts per billion to 10 ppb. Enforcement of the standards began in 2006, and six wells from Second Mesa to Keams Canyon were found to be out of compliance with the new standards, some exceeding safe levels by as much as three times the allowable contaminants.

Efforts began soon thereafter to address the violations with mixed results. In June 2017 the Hopi Tribal Council created the Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) to manage the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) as a regional water delivery system to replace the arsenic contaminated water. The price tag for the project is more than \$20 million.

During the celebration ceremony, the engineer for the project DB Stephens & Associates and the Contractor WW Clyde shared their experience working on the project and provided a 3D model as well as a 13-minute fly-over of the entire regional water system, with close to forty miles of pipeline starting from wells some 15 miles

north of the Hopi Cultural Center.

EPA Region 9 Administrator Martha Guzman, Indian Health Service Phoenix Area Director Dr. Ty Reidhead and BIA Regional Environmental Scientist John Krause were all recognized as important partners for the project and provided remarks during the celebration.

Members of the Hopi Tribal Council joined Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Andrews in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The Shongopufhoyam Youth Dance Group showed up late to the event, but their performance stole the show and some in the audience couldn't resist in joining the dance, as is tradition.

Chef Raymond Namoki provided a wonderful Hopi traditional meal for all the guests at the conclusion of the event. All the guests and attendees went home with a HAMP Celebration t-shirt.

Construction is underway to extend and connect the regional water system to the BIA water system at Keams Canyon. For questions or more information regarding the HAMP you may contact Selwyn Sekaquaptewa, Water Utility General Manager, at (928) 310-7057 or ssekaquaptewa@hopiuc.com.

Hopi Tribal Council Third Quarter Session

June 1, 2022 MONTH OF AUGUST 2022

AGENDA – Amendment #1

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of a motion to vacate judgment in the Flagstaff v. Hopi Tribe case – Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel – TABLED

2. Discussion and action - Letter dated April 15, 2022 Re: Hopi Tribal Goals and Objectives - Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – TABLED

3. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated April 15, 2022 Re: To address the matter of Building Communities, Inc. – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #065-2022 – Arizona Public Service Grant of Right-of-Way Request – HTHA, Owakitsoki North Lot, Winslow, Arizona – Author/Eric Tewa, Sr., Realty Technician, Office of Real Estate Services

2. Action Item #066-2022 – To approve completed Enrollment applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Tanya L. Monroe Director, Office of Enrollment

3. Action Item #067-2022 – Approval to purchase and upgrade sixteen (16) strength equipment for the Hopi Wellness Center-Hopi Fitness Center – Author/Elvia Sanchez, Manager, Hopi Wellness Center

4. Action Item #068-2022 – To approve a resolution clarifying the Hopi Tribe's position regarding the role and responsibility of the Tribal Council and its designees as they engage in advocacy and negotiations in pursuit of federal legislation – Author/Herman Honanie, Chairman, Land Commission"

"5. Action Item #069-2022 – Purchase of a 2022 Tow Master Trailer T-70DTG – Author/Danny Joseph, Supervisor, Hopi Department of Transportation

6. Action Item #070-2022 – To set aside funds to pay a Judgment for Attorney Fees in Hopi Tribe v. Arizona Snowbowl Resort Limited Partnership and the City of Flagstaff – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

7. Action Item #071-2022 – Request for the Hopi Tribe Chairman or designee maintain and manage the 2022 and future Hotevilla Village allocations from the Hopi Tribe until all the required audits are completed with a report to the Hotevilla Village members and the Hopi Tribe from the "Volunteer Board members" and the

"Acting Community Service Administrator" – Author/Carla J. Honanie, Secretary/Treasurer, Hotevilla Village Board of Directors

8. Action Item #072-2022 – Approval to conduct an Elder Needs Assessment, a pre-requisite for the FY 2023-2025 Title VI funding of Part A & C – Author/ Beatrice Norton, Manager, Office of Aging & Adult Services

9. Action Item #073-2022 – To authorize and approve resolution with regard to the name, scope and composition of the CARES Act Committee and the administering of ARPA funds through the "Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee" – Author/Wilfred Gaseoma, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice Chairman - **Time Certain – August 11, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

10. Action Item #074-2022 – Approve the Hopi Tribe Emergency Medical Services and Medical Center-Pre-hospital Care Agreement for Administrative Medical Direction – Author/Anthony Huma, Director, Hopi Emergency Medical Services

11. Action Item #075-2022 – Approve Agreement between AERO Med Claims, Inc., and Hopi Emergency Medical Services in order to continue a Third Party Billing System of persons eligible for third party payment – Author/Anthony Huma, Director, Hopi Emergency Medical Services

12. Action Item #076-2022 – To accept funding from Bureau of Reclamation to install three phase power to the Orayvi well and for Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) to administer the funding to address Orayvi's well power need – Author/Beatrice Norton, Chairperson, Orayvi Village Board

13. Action Item #077-2022 - To approve the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition Land Management Plan – Author/Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - **Time Certain – August 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Action Item #078-2022 – To approve Attorney-Client Contract with Mr. Gary LaRance to act as a Special Prosecutor – Author/Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Law & Order Committee

15. Action Item #080-2022 – Procure 2022-2023 Property Insurance Policies for the Hopi Tribe – Author/Nada Talayumtewa, Treasurer, The Hopi Tribe (Add-on by David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi)

16. Follow up to Presentation and discussion with the

Hopi Tribal Council on Arizona Public Service (APS) electrification census work – Janet Dean, Public Affairs"

"Manager, APS Northeast Division and Ann Becker, APS Vice President of Sustainability - **Time Certain – August 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

17. Presentation on Information Technology Policy and use of equipment– Robert Collateta, Jr., Network Manager, Office of Information Technology – Work Session - **Time Certain – August 25, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

18. Presentation of Enrollment Ordinance No. 33 by Tanya Monroe, Director, Hopi Office of Enrollment – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – Work Session - **Time Certain – August 29 - 30, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

19. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - **Time Certain – August 24, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

20. Discussion on Next Actionable Steps Regarding See Renewal and Blue Stone Strategy – Hopi Tribal Council

21. Letter dated June 17, 2022 From Keesha Talayumtewa, First Mesa Elementary School Governing Board; RE: Additional Work Assigned to First Mesa Elementary School Staff by HBE – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

22. Discussion and possible action – Letter requesting the FY 2022 budget funding allocations for a Hopi Tribal Council Goals and Objectives work session and a State Lobbyist – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

23. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated July 22, 2022 from Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Craig Andrews; RE: Concern regarding First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Representative Ivan Sidney, Sr. and Letter dated July 26, 2022 from Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator, RE: Resignation from Hopi Tribal Council (Add-on by Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi)"

Hopi Tribal Council Entertains Action Item #071-2022 Authored by Hotevilla Village Board of Directors



Photo by Romalita Laban/HT

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – August 8, 2022 at the Hopi Tribal Council Chambers Action Item #071-2022 listed as, “Request for the Hopi Tribe Chairman or designee maintain and manage the 2022 and future Hotevilla Village allocations from the Hopi Tribe until all the required audits are completed with a report to the Hotevilla Village members and the Hopi Tribe from the “Volunteer Board members” and the “Acting Community Service Administrator” – Author/Carla J. Honanie, Secretary/Treasurer, Hotevilla Village Board of Directors” was entertained, discussed and acted upon after about an hour’s long time frame.

After hearing from the Hotevilla Village Board of Directors, elected pre-COVID and approximately three years ago, Herman G. Honanie Hopi Tribal

Council Member/Kyakotsmovi Village Representative made a motion to the effect of approving the Action Item with the amendment being made where the Office of Financial would manage any allocations being made to the Village of Hotevilla.

Upon Chairman Nuvangyaoma’s ask if there were any questions to the motion, Mary Felter, Elected Hotevilla Village Board member, emphasized the need for including verbiage that “any other future funding being given” be included and until all required audits are completed.

The motion maker was amenable to including the verbiage and Tribal Council voted on the motion, with 9 in favor, 5 opposed and 4 abstaining resulting in the motion being carried and passed.

Hopi Tutuveni reported in the Mary 18, 2022 publication about a meeting taking place at the Veteran’s Memorial Center (HVMC) and during

a Time Certain scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on the Hopi Tribal Council Session Agenda, Item 9. listed on the agenda as “Hopi Tribal Council’s meeting with members of Village of Hotevilla, Re: Letter dated January 25, 2022 from Vernita Selestewa regarding Lease with Cellular One, CARES Funding and Water Tank Issue” was addressed by Council.

The Time Certain was scheduled after Vernita Selestewa, a Hotevilla village member, wrote a letter to Lillian Gomez, Acting Community Service Administrator (CSA) Hotevilla Village, the Hotevilla Village Board, and the Hopi Tribal Council to request time to hear from Village of Hotevilla members, regarding their concerns about various issues and to have the issues addressed accordingly.

Selestewa was unavailable for comment regarding the August 8, 2022 Tribal Council’s action and prior to publication submission deadlines.

Health Official Work to Prevent Monkeypox Spread

No cases of monkeypox currently reported on Hopi despite nationwide increase

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, AZ – With more than 7,500 confirmed cases of monkeypox in the United States, and the declaration of a public health emergency, the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is working to prevent the virus from taking hold in our community.

“As we continue to handle the COVID-19 outbreak and its effects on our health care system, it has become increasingly important that we prevent the spread of any and all communicable diseases on Hopi”, said Royce Jenkins, DHHS Director/Public Health Authority. “Part of this plan includes the requirement that tribal and public buildings be routinely cleaned in a similar way when dealing with COVID-19 prevention.”

As a part of the strategic plans being put into place, tribal programs and officials are to ensure that anyone with skin conditions observed or disclosed that could be considered similar to monkeypox should restrict access to all tribal and public buildings and public transportation until the individual is medically evaluated. The person must then have a health care provider supply documentation that they do not pose a health threat to others in order to resume normal activities. It is recognized there are many benign and chronic skin conditions that exist, and these are primarily precautionary measures to ensure public safety and confidence.

Unless there was direct, close, skin to skin contact with an affected individual, all other passengers and employees should not consider themselves exposed to a possible monkeypox case. If the individual is willing to be seen at the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC), staff will ensure an appropriate level assessment, maintain patient confidentiality, and also share only relevant information for a possible public health response, if necessary.

In absence of confirmatory testing, there are many other possible diagnoses, at this

time, there is no need for strict home isolation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are closely tracking reports of monkeypox transmissions and the guidance they provide, as always, will be closely followed. These steps are to ensure the health and wellbeing of all of our Hopi communities, to raise local community awareness of this emerging public health emergency, and ensure support to any individuals needing assistance or further guidance from local health resources.

Additional information is available by contacting the HHCC by calling (928) 737-6037.

Background: Symptoms of monkeypox can include: fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion, respiratory symptoms (e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough), a rash that may be located on or near the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus (butthole) but could also be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing. The rash can look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy. You may experience all or only a few symptoms.

Sometimes, people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash. Most people with monkeypox will get a rash. Some people have developed a rash before (or without) other symptoms. Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure to the virus. If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash 1-4 days later. Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks.

Please visit the CDC and FDA websites for the latest information on the monkeypox outbreak response.

HEALTH

6 Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Under 5

(StatePoint) COVID-19 vaccines are now available for children under 5 years old, and the American Medical Association (AMA) is urging parents to get their children vaccinated.

“The wait for this moment has been excruciating for parents who were ready on day one for their children to receive a vaccination to prevent severe COVID,” says Jack Resneck, Jr., M.D., president of the AMA. “While there is overwhelming scientific evidence showing the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, we know many parents and families still have questions.”

Here are six things to know about pediatric COVID-19 vaccines for kids under 5:

1. The vaccines are safe: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reviewed all trial safety data before authorizing and recommending vaccines for children under 5. The vast majority of side effects were mild, including irritability and crying, sleepiness, fatigue and loss of appetite.

2. The vaccines are effective: Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are effective at preventing severe disease. Based on 230 pages of data, regulators said the vaccines show a strong immune response in children, and are somewhat effective at preventing symptomatic disease.

3. They’re widely available: Vaccines will be available at pediatricians’ offices, as well as from primary care physicians. Information on locations near you is available at vaccines.gov.

4. COVID-19 poses a danger to children: According to the CDC, COVID-19 is a leading cause of death among children ages 0-19 years. Among children in the United States aged 6 months to 4 years, there have been more than 2 million cases of COVID-19, more than 20,000 hospitalizations, and more than 200 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic.

5. There is more than one dose: Like most vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines involve more than one dose. Pfizer’s vaccine is a three-dose primary series at one-tenth the dosage of the adult formulation. The Moderna vaccine primary series is a two-dose regimen, spaced four to eight weeks apart, at one-fourth the dosage of the adult formulation. Booster shots will likely be part of the regimen, too, just as they are for other age groups.

6. Getting up to date is important: Make sure your child is up to date on all vaccines when they get the COVID-19 vaccine. Adolescents and adult immunizations declined during the pandemic and an estimated 26 million recommended vaccinations were missed in 2020 as compared to 2019.

If you have additional questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org.

“COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, they’re backed by science and data; they work. More than 1 million people in the United States have died from COVID, and I urge you to keep yourself and your loved ones safe by getting vaccinated,” says Dr. Resneck.

Hopi Tribal Enrollment Office Provides Tribal Membership Count as of August 8, 2022

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor – Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – August 9, 2022 and according to an email notification provided through the Hopi Tribe Inter-department to system recipients, Dione A. Naha, Enrollment Coordinator, Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office provided the following, “On 6/8/2022, Tribal Council approved 36 New Tribal Members...”

Naha further noted that the Membership Count by Village table is also available

on the Tribal Website under the Office of Enrollment. The link to the information is: www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/tribal-membership/

Should you have any questions regarding Enrollment Services, the Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office can be reached at: 928-734-3152.

Also included as an attachment in the notification was the most current membership counts by village (affiliation), shared in table format depicted below:

Membership Count by Village

Villages	On	Off	Total Count
Bacavi	360	334	694
Hotevilla	628	890	1,718
Kykotsmovi	547	877	1,424
Mishongnovi	734	625	1,359
Moenkopi	1,184	1,083	2,267
Orsibi	238	272	510
Shungopavi	1,270	745	2,015
Sichonovi	725	778	1,503
Sipaulovi	404	345	749
Tewa	832	675	1,507
Walpi	428	332	760
Totals	7,550	6,956	14,506

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Tribal Enrollment Office Public Notice Regarding Tribal I.D. Card

Immediate Release

Submitted by: Tanya L. Monroe, Director - Office of Enrollment, Director Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – August 12, 2022 The Tribal Enrollment Office is not able to provide Tribal I.D. Cards at this time due to technical issues with equipment.

The Enrollment Office will inform the public when the I.D. Printer is back in operation.

Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Questions may be directed to the Office of Enrollment (928) 734-3152

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Fiber to the Homes Project is coming to Hopi

Submitted by: Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.
For immediate release only

Keams Canyon, Ariz. - August 8, 2022. Five years after Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) submitted its application to the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), the agency finally informed HTI in June 2022 that its \$5.8 million loan has been approved. This funding will allow HTI to extend fiber to the homes (FTTH) throughout the Hopi Reservation, which will significantly increase the broadband speed and improve reliability. HTI is now in the process of final engineering of the fiber routes, ordering materials, and preparing to bid the projects. The FTTH project construction is slated to begin January 2023.

In a bold step towards self-determination the Hopi Tribe created HTI in April 2004 with the intention of taking over its telecom provider based out of Louisiana. In October 2005 HTI closed the deal to acquire the assets of Century Tel of the Southwest. The very next month HTI received its first RUS loan in the amount of \$12 million to pay for the Century Tel assets and to immediately upgrade and expand its newly acquired telephone company, including laying fiber-optic lines across the reservation from Keams Canyon to Hotevilla. A subsequent loan in 2009 in the amount of \$4.8 million allowed HTI to purchase additional Central Office and electronic equipment, fiber-optics to the premises, and fixed-wireless system to expand services. The Hopi Tribe is one of only a handful of tribes throughout the United States which owns their own telecommunications company.

In 2010 HTI took advantage of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$3.6 million (\$2.5 mm grant and \$1.1 mm loan) to fund a fiber-optic cable line from Holbrook, Ariz. to Hopi to significantly increase the bandwidth for HTI services. While the fiber-optic trunk line exists across the reservation, homes on the reservation are currently connected to this fiber-optic trunk line by copper wires that connect the telephone and internet. This next round of funding will replace the copper wires with fiber-optic lines to increase the bandwidth and improve reliability. The only entities that have fiber connection to their premises from the trunk line are the Hopi Jr/Sr High School, First Mesa Elementary School, Second Mesa Day School, Jeddito Public School (JPS), and the Hopi Tribal Headquarters. Only JPS and the Hopi Headquarters have taken advantage of the fiber connection at this time.

“HTI is making every effort to take advantage of the resources available to upgrade its telephone and internet system to improve and expand services.” HTI President/General Manager Carroll Onsaie said. “However, because these are federal funds, it takes longer to deploy because we have to follow federal rules and regulations.”

Since the new FTTH project will replace the existing copper wire connections with fiber, the project will use existing routes without disturbing new areas. HTI is planning to meet with the Villages’ leadership to go over the details of the project and obtain permission before the construction project begins in early 2023. This will be one more step in addressing the digital divide that exists in many rural and tribal communities.

HTI was successful in securing a 2.5 Ghz spectrum from the FCC in 2021. The spectrum is designed to provide service to areas where fiber-optic cable is unavailable. HTI also submitted a grant application last year to the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) and is waiting to hear on its grant application to extend the fiber-optic cable to Moencopi and fiber to the premises, among other initiatives. Moencopi is out of the HTI service area and HTI will work with the FCC to include Moencopi as part of its service territory.

Most recently, HTI submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the NTIA for a Digital Equity Planning Grant Program as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. President Biden and Congress recognize, and what was further crystalized by the Covid-19 pandemic, that high-speed internet access is not a luxury, but a necessity for all Americans regardless of their age, race, or income.

Funding under this program will help HTI create a digital equity plan which will address this digital divide for our Tribal nation by tapping into additional available funding to implement the Digital Equity Plan. NTIA has notified HTI that it has received the LOI and once the Planning Grant is received HTI plans to reach out to the community for their input into the Digital Equity Plan.

You may contact HTI President/General Manager, Carroll Onsaie, for more information at (928) 522-8428 or consae@hopitelecom.com or Wayne Taylor, Executive Assistant, at (928) 691-9919 or wtaylor@hopitelecom.com.



Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response JULY 20, 2022 Report Re-publication

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – July20, 2022

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 in the afternoons on Mondays and Wednesdays for the month of July for those 6 months and older. To schedule an appointment call (928) 737-6148 or 737-6081.

Appointments are required. For questions about COVID-19 vaccines please call (928) 737-6198 or 737-6197.

COVID-19 Testing Drive-up Testing schedule: Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM. Enter at the west entrance & drive around back. Mask must be worn by everyone in your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle at all times. To schedule for testing or for more information please call (928) 737- 6187 or 6233.

A COVID-19 Hotline has been created by the Hopi Health Care Center to assist with all COVID-19 related questions and service requests. The hotline is open Monday–Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM. To contact the COVID-19 hotline please call (928) 737-6187.

WHEN USING AN AT-HOME TEST IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REPORT YOUR RESULTS TO THE

COVID-19 HOTLINE AT HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER OR TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION SO THAT ACCURATE DATA IS PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY.

VACCINE UPDATE:

On June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include use in children down to 6 months of age. For more detailed information please visit www.cdc.gov

TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION (TCRHCC) COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINATION INFORMATION:

Testing, and now vaccinations, at TCRHCC are being held at the outdoor tent Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Daylight Savings Time. Rapid and CEPHEID tests can take approximately 3 hours. Send out tests can take 2-3 days. The address for Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is 167 N. Main Street, Tuba City, AZ. For more information regarding Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation's COVID-19 vaccination clinic and testing, please call 1-866-976-5941. TCRHCC has at-home COVID-19 test kits available for the community. To request a test kit please go through the drive up tent from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Daylight Savings Time or go to the pharmacy drive up window after hours.

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS:

You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. government at covidtests.gov by calling 1-800-232- 0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489). Only 4 tests come in an order and only two orders per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Please do not wait to order your tests when you have been exposed or become symptomatic as the tests will not arrive in enough time for you to be tested. So please order them now so that you and your loved ones can be prepared. Households that did not place their first two orders of test kits, can now place their first, second, AND third order. They must complete the ordering process above three (3) times to place both a first, second, and third order (for a total of 16 test kits; 4 kits for first order, 4 kits for second order, 8 kits for third order).

FREE N-95 MASKS:

The CDC now has a resource on their website where you can see a list of local pharmacies that have free N-95 masks by using your zip code. Click here or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION CALCULATOR:

The CDC now has a Quarantine and Isolation calculator that helps determine how long you need to isolate or quarantine.

SYMPTOMS, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION:

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 and can range from mild to severe. The following are COVID-19 symptoms that people may experience:

- 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.”

Currently, the local health department and HHCC are implement the previously recommended CDC guidelines which is a 10 day isolation for those who test positive and a 14 day quarantine for those exposed to an infected individual.

(GLOSSARY ON PG. 5)

Be aware that when someone tests positive they became contagious 2 days before they developed symptoms, or if they are not experiencing symptoms 2 days before they tested positive not the day they received their results. If someone was less than 6 feet away from a potential positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period they would be considered a close contact regardless of whether or not both parties were wearing masks. For example, Molly was within 6 feet of Craig on Thursday night for 10 minutes and on Friday morning for 5 minutes. Craig developed symptoms Saturday evening, was tested for COVID on Monday, and received their results on Wednesday. Because Molly was within 6 feet of Craig for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period within the 2 day timeframe she is now considered to be a close contact. If you have been identified as a close contact you may or may not need to quarantine depending on your vaccination status.

If an unvaccinated individual that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will need to quarantine for 14 days beginning on the infected person's 10th day of isolation, with that day being Day 0 and the following day being Day 1. That means the caregiver could potentially be out of work for 24 days. If a vaccinated person that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will not have to quarantine but will need to get tested 5 days from the 10th day of the infected person's isolation. If a vaccinated person develops symptoms while caring for an infected person they will need to get tested as soon as possible and remain at home until they receive their results.

Re-testing of COVID-19 Positive Employees. Per guidance and alignment with HHCC, CDC, state and local health departments, and OSHA workplace guidance for COVID-19 re-testing of positive or suspected COVID-19 employees before they return to work, nor providing letters to go back to work is not recommended.

The recommended reason for not re-testing is an individual may continue to test positive on a viral test long after they are recovered from COVID-19. These dead viral particles will turn viral tests positive even though they cannot cause disease in others. The Hopi Health Care Center strongly encourages employers to use the CDC's symptom and criteria below even if they continue to test positive. Once they meet the three criteria, they are no longer considered infectious to others. However, if the employee was severely ill (hospitalized) or in immunocompromised, plead advise them to visit their primary care provide before returning to work.

The "checklist" below has been updated as of the most recent COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and will be used by employers to determine when an employee with confirmed COVID-19 may return to work safely. For additional questions, please call the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline (928) 737-6188.

- ☐ It's been at least ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing medicine.

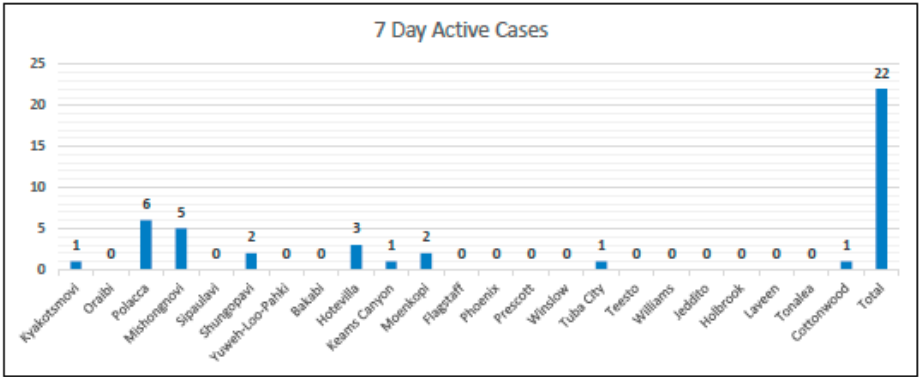
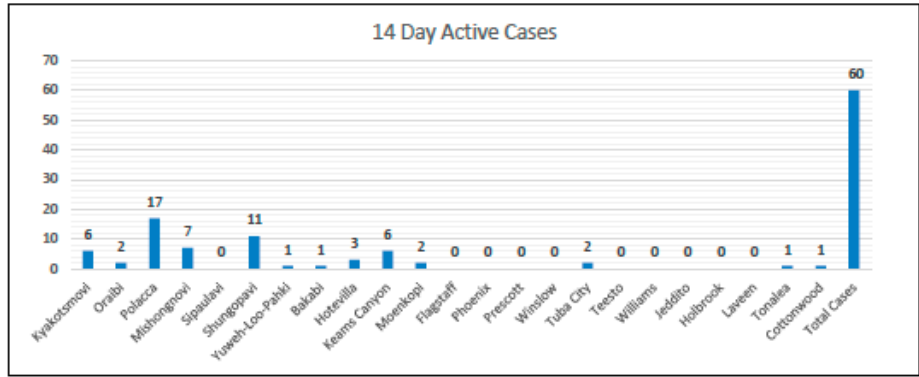
If you checked all three boxes, you are no longer a considered at risk to infect others and can go back to work!

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response JULY 20, 2022 Report, Cont.

AS OF JULY 20, 2022 (Arizona and County Data Updates on Wednesdays)				
	U.S.	Arizona	Navajo	Coconino County
Cases	89,668,974	2,161,045	41,686	47,790
Deaths	1,020,355	30,632	917	484
Vaccination (Total Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	78.5%	73.4%	53.7%	66.4%
Vaccination (Eligible Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	83.3%	73.5%	54.0%	66.8%

	COVID-19 Positives Last 14-Days	COVID-19 Positives Cumulative Total	Most Recent Case
Kyakotsmovi	6	332	July 18, 2022
Oraibi	2	41	July 10, 2022
Polacca (Walpi-Shitchoomovi-Tewa)	17	698	July 15, 2022
Mishongnovi	7	216	July 19, 2022
Sipaulavi	0	120	June 21, 2022
Shungopavi	11	438	July 19, 2022
Yuweh-Loo-Pahki	1	15	July 12, 2022
Bakabi	1	112	July 10, 2022
Hotevilla	3	362	July 19, 2022
Keams Canyon	6	235	July 16, 2022
Moenkopi	2	355	July 17, 2022
Flagstaff	0	7	July 4, 2022
Phoenix	0	7	May 25, 2022
Prescott	0	1	July 20, 2020
Winslow	0	14	June 21, 2022
Tuba City	2	15	July 14, 2022
Teesto	0	2	October 7, 2021
Williams	0	1	May 21, 2022
Jeddito	0	2	June 13, 2022
Holbrook	0	1	May 27, 2022
Laveen	0	1	June 26, 2022
Tonalea	1	1	July 11, 2022
Cottonwood	1	1	July 15, 2022
TOTAL	60	2977	

EDUCATION:



VILLAGE	POPULATION ESTIMATE	NUMBER VACCINATED *	PERCENT OF POPULATION VACCINATED	VACCINE RANKING (HIGHEST = 1)
Bakabi	359	263	73.26%	5
Hotevilla	826	716	86.68%	2
Kyakotsmovi	547	685	125.23%	1
Mishongnovi	734	408	55.59%	9
Moenkopi	1,180	869	73.64%	4
Oraibi	239	172	71.97%	6
Shungopavi	1,269	851	67.06%	8
Sipaulavi	404	274	67.82%	7
Polacca	1,983	1,551	78.21%	3
Total	7,541**	5,789	76.77%	

GLOSSARY	
Close Contact	Someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). An infected person can spread COVID starting 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic people, 2 days before the date the positive test was taken).
Contact Tracing	The process of identifying individuals that are considered close contacts to an infected person.
Isolation	The procedure that individuals follow when they have received positive results. Isolation guidelines are if an individual test positive and is experiencing symptoms their 10 day isolation period will start the first day they developed symptoms. If an individual is not experiencing symptoms then their 10 day isolation starts the day they got tested, not the day they received their results. The day they were tested will be Day 0 and the following day will be Day 1. The first day an individual develops symptoms is considered Day 0. The following day will start Day 1.
Quarantine	The procedure that individuals follow when they have come in contact with someone who tested positive. Unvaccinated individuals, regardless of whether they are experiencing symptoms or not, need to quarantine for 14 days from the last day they were in contact with the infected person. As a reminder, the day an individual was in contact with an infected person is Day 0 and the day after will start Day 1. If an individual not experiencing symptoms that received negative results begins to experience symptoms after they received their results, they will need to get tested again. Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact UNLESS you are experiencing symptoms. Regardless if you end up having to quarantine vaccinated individuals need to get tested. For individuals that are experiencing symptoms and are vaccinated, they need to get tested as soon as possible and remain at home until they receive their results. For individuals that are NOT experiencing symptoms and are vaccinated, it is suggested that you wait 5 days from the last contact with the infected person to get tested.

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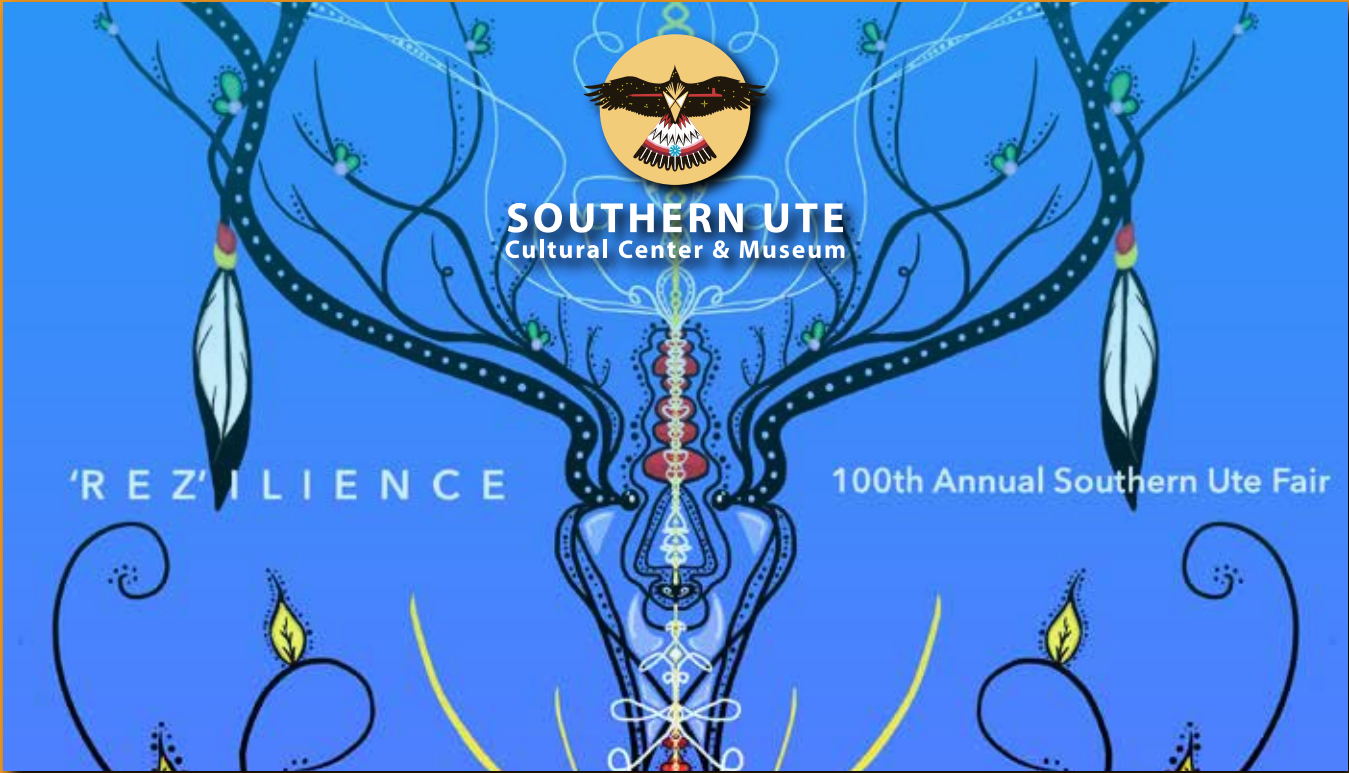
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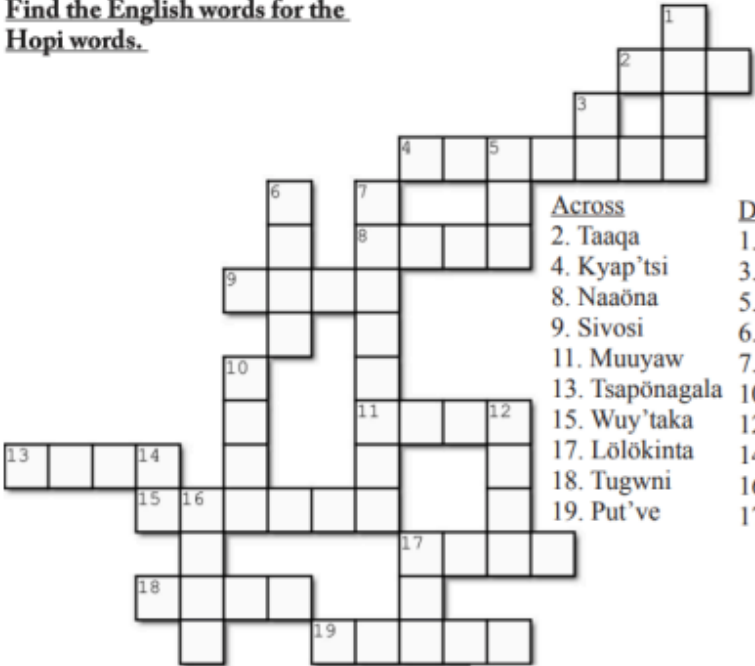
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2. Taaqa
4. Kyap'tsi
8. Naaöna
9. Sivosi
11. Muuyaw
13. Tsapönagala
15. Wuy'taka
17. Lölokinta
18. Tugwni
19. Put've

Down

1. Öönga
3. nuy
5. Pang'qawu
6. Pumuy
7. So'wuti
10. Pöhu
12. Soki
14. Ka'eh
16. Naapi
17. Pitsooti

Answers in next issue

Answers for JULY 7 issue

Across

4. Cactus, 6. Laundry Mat, 7. Evil, 8. Elk, 10. Left, 12. Glow, 13. Heavy, 15. Girlfriend, 17. Fox, 18. Leather

Down

1. Fart, 2. Belly, 3. Horn, 4. Cradle Board, 5. Bee, 9. Lake, 11. Big, 13. Handsome, 14. Dry, 16. Knee

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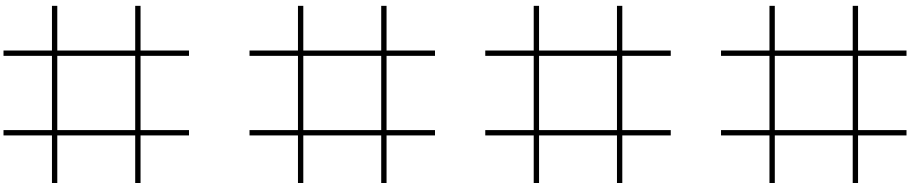


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HOPi WORDS	Tunatya - Intention	Hiisa - Many
Kwisto - Get	Itsivu - Intolerant	Paati - Melt
Yup'a - Go ahead	Tuwat - In turn	Qa'äntipu - Mistake
Nima - Go home	Qanaani - Jealous (feel)	Qaavo - Next day
Nakwhana - Grant permission	Tumala - Job	Aa'awna - Notify
Tutskwa - Ground	Henanata - Jog	Ephaqam - Now & then
Naasami - Half-dollar	Suumi - Join	Himu'yva - Obtain
Hiñti - Happen (what)	Hintaqa - Kind (what)	Paypi - Oh Well!
Häalay - Happy	Tuwi'yta - Know	Namora - Option (choice)
Kyaktayti'i - Hurry	Ngasta - Lacking	Angqw - Out of origin
Wuuni - Idea (thought)	Lavayi - Language	Tuqayvasta - Pay Attention
Pashimu - Important	Qa iits - Late	Qe'ti - Quit
Sonkya - Improbable	Tayati - Laugh	Yöoyoki - Rain
Songyawnen - In effect	Ya'makma - Leave (exit)	
Tutuwna - Instruct	Awtuuqayta -Listen	
	Tunatyawta - Look after	

TICK-TACK-TOE





Larry's Corner

To be or not to be...

When you look at the news today, you see disastrous events. You see school shootings, robberies, drownings, flooding, and more. Then you think that this world is ending. Then you realize that this world has been ending, since the dawn of time. We have been killing each other, there have been floodings, and there have been disastrous events throughout history. But what makes it more impactful is the media that portrays it. We now see what we are doing to ourselves in full high-definition color.

Of course, we have seen disastrous events throughout our lives, but now we finally see them for what it is. We can now see that the actual monsters are not what Alfred Hitchcock made, but the beast is who we see in ourselves.

Hopis have seen its fair share of disastrous events throughout history; some will acknowledge it, some will keep it to themselves, but ultimately, the events we experienced will make us who we are today. Take, for example, the Pueblo Revolt; of course, the history goes where the bad guys come to our home and say, "Hey, make me a sandwich!" "What, you don't know how to make me a sandwich?" "I will make you learn how to make a sandwich!" "You don't what to make a sandwich? Then I will wipe you from history...." "What, are you chasing me out of your house? Then I will leave..." that's basic-

ly how the Pueblo Revolt went in my cat opinion...but more Quentin Tarantino-style movie.

But let me get back to the subject at hand. What makes us think of the bad things first, before the good things in life? Because that's all we focus on. We focus on the wrong things first because it's what we see. First, it's what we experienced, first. When we were babies, we don't remember the happiness we shared, and we don't remember rolling a ball around with our parents; we don't remember getting ice cream for the first time. But we remember when a dog barked at us loudly, and it scared us so much that now we hate dogs from when we were a baby.

See, it seems we remember disastrous events first and in my belief, because it's when it changed our lives forever. But what if devastating events in our lives were to teach us lessons? What happens to the value of learning from disastrous events? How do we know not to touch the hot stove again? It's when you place an event in front of a person, and they have two choices, to not engage in the event or to engage in it. We make those choices because it makes us feel like we have options in life. But when you look at it, we don't choose to see a car crash on the side of the road; we want to see it. We choose to see the disastrous event because that's

all we see on social media. But how can we see the glitz and glory of life? Is that true happiness? Is covering a pothole with mud solving a problem? Or are we just putting glitter on a disastrous event?

I guess the choice is yours, you can choose to be happy, or you can choose to see the disastrous events first.

All is not bad; we don't have to choose to see the bad. First, it looks more significant, so it's more noticeable, but if you're a weird one who only considers happiness through rose-tinted glasses, you could be lying to yourself. We can put flowers on a wound and expect it to grow beautifully, or we can see that wound and treat it with proper care. But you choose to see the happiness.

So, my advice is that disastrous events are always there and will always be around, but you can choose to see them or not. If you choose to see it, you know the truth for what it is. If you decide not to see it, you are missing out on how you can improve from that event. But you can choose to do whatever you want to do, and I'm not your mother, I'm just a cat. And I listen to my mother...because she tells me what's right and wrong, but then again, what mom doesn't know won't hurt her. Right?

Want to send Larry something? Send to: PO BOX 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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FBI updates list of Native Americans verified as missing throughout New Mexico and the Navajo Nation



(Photo: Albuquerque FBI Division - Public Affairs Office)

News Release

Albuquerque FBI Division - Public Affairs Office

The FBI has updated a list of Native Americans it has verified as missing in New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

The list, first released on July 25, has been updated to add 19 names while 10 have been removed.

There are a total of 186 missing Indigenous persons now on the list, which can be found at fbi.gov/mmip.

"This list exceeded our expectations," Special Agent in Charge Raul Bujanda of the Albuquerque FBI Division said. "Besides appearing to be accurate for the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, the list has galvanized local and tribal law enforcement agencies to update their files on missing Indigenous people. That's good news for the families who are seeking answers. The public also has reached out to us and our partners to share information."

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If someone's relative is included in the names, the FBI is actively checking numerous law enforcement databases and

other sources nationwide to identify leads that will be quickly passed along to the appropriate agency.

If an Indigenous family member who is missing is not included in this list, the relatives are urged to contact their local or tribal law enforcement agency and ask them to submit a missing person report to NCIC.

For further assistance with their request, family members or local law enforcement can contact the New Mexico Attorney General's Office or the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI.

Anyone who knows the location of a person on this list is asked to contact law enforcement.

Partners involved in the project include the U.S. Attorney's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services, New Mexico's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) Task Force, New Mexico Attorney General's Office, New Mexico Department of Public Safety, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs, Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, and the City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion.

The FBI also received information and support from the Navajo Nation, Native American pueblos, and local law enforcement.

Plans are to update this list monthly.

Interior Department leaders highlight Biden-Harris administration's commitment to strengthening Indian Country, environmental protections at United Nations conference

News Release

U.S. Department of the Interior

Senior leadership from the Department of the Interior are representing the Biden-Harris administration this week in Geneva, Switzerland at the 107th session of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). Principal Deputy Solicitor Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes and Senior Advisor to the Secretary Heidi Todacheene joined the U.S. delegation to discuss the U.S. implementation of measures to combat racial discrimination and human rights obligations as required under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Convention).

Both representatives delivered formal remarks to the Committee, in which they acknowledged the various efforts the Interior Department and the Biden-Harris administration are undertaking to seek justice and equity for communities enduring racial discrimination in the United States and its territories, disadvantaged communities marginalized by extractive industries, and historically overlooked Indigenous communities. Remarks included a focus on the federal trust responsibility; missing and murdered Indigenous people; investigating the U.S. government's role in the federal Indian boarding school system; and environmental and natural resource protections for marginalized communities including incorporating Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge in decision-making so that all governments can benefit from the lessons of the original stewards of our lands and waters.

Bledsoe Downes and Todacheene will join the U.S. delegation's presentation from the Committee on a broad range of issues, including racial profiling, racial disparities with respect to criminal jus-

tice, education, housing, health care, and the environment; voting rights; treatment of Indigenous people, Black Americans, and members of other marginalized racial and ethnic communities; and immigration policy.

The Convention has been ratified by 182 countries, including by the United States in 1994. The Convention requires each State Party to pursue a policy of eliminating racial discrimination in all its forms, including by reviewing and amending laws and policies that have the effect of creating or perpetuating racial discrimination. States Parties are required to prohibit racial discrimination in the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, in areas such as equal treatment before courts, voting rights, employment, housing, medical care and education.

Throughout the convening, the U.S. delegation presented its 2021 report on the implementation of U.S. obligations under the Convention. The report documents the extensive federal and state laws, policies and programs established to ensure equal protection and prevent discrimination, including for health care, housing, education and gender-based violence in Native communities.

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The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe dedicated a 50-foot tall evacuation tower in Tokeland, Washington. (Photo courtesy of Washington Emergency Management)

Associated Press

TOKELAND, Wash. — There's a new option to escape a tsunami for people on the southwest coast of Washington.

The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe dedicated a 50-foot tall evacuation tower in Tokeland, Washington, on Friday, the Northwest News Network reported.

When the next magnitude 9.0 rip of the offshore Cascadia fault zone happens, people on the Pacific Northwest coast will have some 15 to 35 minutes to get to high ground to escape a possible tsunami.

Tokeland is on a long, flat peninsula with no high ground within walking or running distance for many there.

Shoalwater tribal council member Lynn Clark said at the dedication ceremony that the tower will save lives. Tribal leaders and the Federal Emergency Management Agency said it should be an example and inspiration for other vulnerable coastal communities.

The tribe's emergency management director, Ken Ufkin, said he can sleep better now that the sturdy, double-decker tsunami refuge tower exists. The tower stands close to the midpoint of the nearly 3-mile-long (4.8-kilometer) Tokeland Peninsula.

"This allows folks even if it's 2:30 in the morning in your pajamas to scoop up your family and make it here in a very short amount of time — in under a 15-minute window for nearly everyone from Tokeland Point to the heart of the reservation," Ufkin said.

The tower will be open to all in a disaster. The tower platforms have a capacity of more than 400 people, which is considerably more than the tribal population of the small Shoalwater Bay reservation.

The Tokeland evacuation tower resembles free-standing tsunami towers built in Japan, but officials said it's the first of its type in North America. Two other tsunami refuges on the Northwest coast — in Newport, Oregon, and Westport, Washington — are reinforced platforms on the roofs of a school or university building.

Design engineer Cale Ash, who worked on the Tokeland tower for Degenkolb Engineers, said tsunami experts modeled the maximum wave height near the mouth of Willapa Bay as 16.3 feet (4.9 meters) and said the design team rounded up to 20.2 feet (6.1 meters) to be safe. He said the floor of the lower platform is 33 feet (10 meters) above the ground and the floor of the upper platform is 43 feet (13.1 meters) high.

Ash also said at the dedication that the tower rests on concrete pilings that go 55 feet (16.7 meters) deep to

withstand violent shaking of the soft, sandy soils of the peninsula.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided \$3.8 million toward the design and construction of the Tokeland tower. The Shoalwater Bay tribe contributed an additional \$1.2 million to complete the budget.

The most likely next place in the Northwest to build a tsunami evacuation tower is the town of Ocean Shores, Washington, which is working with Degenkolb on a design.

Some emergency planners have qualms about relying on vertical evacuation structures because it leaves a potentially large number of people in a disaster zone who will need to be rescued later.

Ufkin and others say, however, that reaching safety quickly by driving away is unlikely to be an option if a major earthquake buckles roads and topples power poles in low-lying places such as Tokeland — or in Ocean Shores and Long Beach, Washington, and parts of Seaside and Warrenton, Oregon, for example too.

Geologists and emergency planners consider the Cascadia Subduction Zone fault among the most significant disaster threats in the U.S. The offshore fault last ruptured in January 1700, spawning a tsunami that reached all the way across the Pacific to Japan.



Warren opens investigation into state-imposed abortion restrictions and their impacts on women's access to health care

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Warren Highlights Horrific Accounts of State Abortion Bans Resulting in Denial of Pregnancy Care, Reproductive Care, and Non-Reproductive Health Care; Seeks Information from Five Leading Health Care Organizations

In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) opened an investigation into how state abortion bans enacted by rightwing legislatures have affected women's access to urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care. Senator Warren's investigation comes on the heels of reports from across the country highlighting shocking stories from women in states that have enacted radical abortion bans and criminalized health care. Senator Warren wrote to five leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers to gather more information: the American Medical Association, Physicians for Reproductive Health, National Nurses United, the American Pharmacists Association, and the American Hospital Association.

"These initial reports are a harbinger of the threats faced by millions of women under state-imposed abortion bans and by their providers who took an oath to 'do no harm.' And as more states restrict abortion access, they will only multiply," wrote Senator Warren.

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe*, rightwing legislatures across the country have enacted highly restrictive abortion bans: at least ten states have banned abortion outright, four states have prohibited abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, three states will outlaw abortion in a matter of weeks, and five states have abortion bans in place that are only temporarily blocked by judges. Despite over 75% of Americans opposing such radical restrictions, virtually none of these bans have exceptions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

In the letters, Senator Warren highlights horrifying accounts from Wisconsin, Texas, Missouri, and Ohio that show how the effects of abortion restrictions have extended far beyond abortion care – women have been unable to receive critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care:

In Wisconsin, a woman "bled for more than ten days from an incomplete miscarriage after emergency room staff would not remove the fetal tissue." Hospital staff feared the consequences of violating state laws "amid a confusing legal landscape" set off by the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

In Texas, a woman was denied medical care for days after her water broke in the 18th week of her pregnancy, despite vomiting, passing clots of blood and yellow discharge, and exhibiting signs of infection. The chance of survival for her fetus was "as close to zero as you'll ever get in medicine." But because there was still a fetal heartbeat and Texas's abortion ban offers no definition for its "medical emergency" exception, the hospital ethics committee did not approve treatment until her discharge was "foul" and "(e)nough to make her retch."

In Missouri, one of the largest hospital systems in St. Louis

stopped providing emergency contraception such as Plan B because of ambiguities in the state's abortion ban, one that has no exceptions for rape or incest. The hospital system was only able to reverse course when the state's attorney general issued guidance stating that contraception was not covered by the abortion ban.

In Ohio, a clinic received calls from two women with ectopic pregnancies who said that their doctors would not treat them. Ectopic pregnancies, which occur in one out of every 50 pregnancies, definitionally cannot be carried to term and can quickly become life-threatening emergencies.

Methotrexate — a drug used by patients suffering from certain cancers and autoimmune diseases—has become less accessible to women because it can be used to induce abortions. Reports indicate that "some doctors have already stopped prescribing methotrexate rather than risk falling afoul of antiabortion laws." In one instance, a pharmacist in Texas refused to dispense methotrexate to an eight-year-old girl because "(f)emales of possible child bearing potential have to have (a) diagnosis on hard copy with state abortion laws."

Senator Warren is asking each health care organization to assist in her investigation to better understand the effects of radical abortion bans on health care access, including pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. She is requesting that each organization respond to her questions about the effects of abortion bans on patients and providers, the guidance provided by these organizations about state-imposed abortion bans, and how the federal government can respond to these bans by September 9, 2022.

As access to abortion care and health care is under attack by the extremist Supreme Court and Republican state legislatures, Senator Warren has called on the government to use every tool to expand and protect reproductive care:

On August 5, 2022, Senator Warren spoke on the floor of the Senate about the need to crack down on the deceptive and misleading practices employed by many crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs). Senator Warren also spoke on the need to bring the Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation Act up for a vote. The legislation would direct the Federal Trade Commission to prohibit deceptive or misleading advertising that many CPCs use to dissuade patients from getting the reproductive care they need, including abortion care.

On August 4, 2022, Senators Warren, Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), outlining concrete actions HHS can take to help meet President Biden's goal of protecting and expanding access to medication abortion.

On July 29, 2022, Senators Warren and Hirono led 23 of their colleagues in a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), calling on the VA to take immediate administrative action to offer abortions and all abortion-related services to veterans and eligible dependents.

On July 21, 2022, Senators Warren and Ed Markey (D-Mass.) sent letters to Bark Technologies, Gaggie.net, GoGuardian, and Securly Inc., raising concerns that the software these companies use to monitor students' online activity could be used to criminalize or punish students who are seeking information about

abortion services and reproductive health care.

On July 19, 2022, Senators Warren, Tina Smith (D-Minn.), and Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, introduced the Expanding Access to Family Planning Act, legislation that would protect access to critical reproductive health care services—like birth control, cancer screenings, and more—by providing a consistent and strong source of funding for the Title X Family Planning Program.

On July 14, 2022, Senators Warren, Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), and over a dozen Senate Democrats wrote to President Biden and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, urging them to immediately declare national and public health emergencies over Americans' access to reproductive care.

On July 11, 2022, Senators Warren and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) sent letters to Facebook and Instagram, calling on them to address their reported censorship of posts related to abortion services, following the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

On July 7, 2022, Senator Warren announced two key data brokers' commitments to permanently stop selling the location data of people seeking abortion services.

On June 23, 2022, Senators Warren and Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Representatives Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) introduced the Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation Act, legislation that would crack down on false advertising that crisis pregnancy centers employ to dissuade patients from getting the reproductive care they need, including abortion care.

On June 22, 2022, following the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Senators Warren and Smith wrote an op-ed in the *New York Times* laying out the next steps in the fight to protect the right to an abortion, including calling for the declaration of a public health emergency.

On June 15, 2022, Senator Warren introduced the Health and Location Data Protection Act, legislation that bans data brokers from selling some of the most sensitive data available about everyday Americans: their health and location data.

On June 7, 2022, Senators Warren and Murray led 23 of their Senate colleagues in a letter to President Biden urging him to immediately issue an executive order directing the federal government to develop a national plan to defend Americans' fundamental reproductive rights, including their right to an abortion.

On May 17, 2022, Senator Warren led thirteen of her Senate colleagues in letters to two data brokers, demanding answers about their collection and sale of the cellphone-based location data of people who visit abortion clinics such as Planned Parenthood.

On May 10, 2022, Senator Warren delivered a speech on the floor of the United States Senate on the need to protect the constitutional right to an abortion, pass the Women's Health Protection Act, and fight back against Republican extremism.

On May 9, 2022, Senator Warren wrote an op-ed in *Marie Claire* about the need to enshrine the right to an abortion in federal law.

On May 3, 2022, when the draft Supreme Court opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* was leaked, Senator Warren spoke on the steps of the Supreme Court twice to activists, protestors, and the nation about the need to protect abortion rights.