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Photo caption: Pictured are colleagues and family members of Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources Employees, who were recognized at an event held at Twin Arrows Casino on September 9, 2022, for past service and commitment over the years to the Hopi Tribe DNR. Photo by: Hopi Tutuven Staff

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Hopi Department of Natural Resources Holds Service Recognition Ceremony for Past Employees

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Twin Arrows, Ariz. – Friday, September 9, 2022 at an “Invitation Only” special event, in front of approximately 100 attendees, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gathered to recognize employees for their services and who had recently passed.

The event began with a prayer conducted by LeeWayne Lomayestewa, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office staff prior to Dr. Carrie Joseph, DNR Director, providing opening remarks and gratitude to the Dorma Sahneyah for approving the half-day event, held at the Twin Arrows Casino, near Twin Arrows, Ariz.

According to Sahneyah’s July 2022 email, Dr. Joseph has been welcomed “as the new Director for DNR for the Hopi Tribe. Dr. Joseph is Iswungwa from the Village of Lower Moencopi. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to strengthen and expand the department’s work and services based on the needs of our people...Dr. Joseph’s office is located in the Honahni Building.” Dr. Joseph was hired as the DNR Director, replacing Clayton Honyumtewa who served the DNR and Hopi Tribe for over thirty years, prior to his passing.

Dr. Joseph expressed additional gratitude to those who were in attendance as well as CKP Insurance for sponsoring

the event, before turning the mic over to previous Hopi Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva, who served as the Master of Ceremonies during the event.

In usual fashion, Tenakhongva did not spare on the Hopi lavayi and humor, which he has come to be known for. While serving as the Hopi Vice Chairman, Tenakhongva shared that he had many experiences with the DNR staff, other program associates and added many comments about those being recognized throughout the event.

The employees recognized included Jarrett Calnimptewa from the Water Resources Program with James Duffield providing recognition statements about Calnimptewa, Maktima Masayesva from the Office of Hopi Lands Administration was recognized by Edison Tutsi, John “Terry” Morgart was recognized by Stewart Koyiyumtewa, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office and Clayton Honyumtewa from the Department of Natural Resources was recognized by Darren Talayumtewa. Colleagues from the employee’s various departments and family members were in attendance during the recognition ceremony.

A follow up article providing more background on the employees who were recognized is planned for the October 5, 2022 publication of the Hopi Tutuveni.



Monkeypox: Get the Facts

May 2022

- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by the monkeypox virus
- Monkeypox can make you sick including a rash or sores (pox), often with an earlier flu-like illness
- Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact including:
 - Direct contact with monkeypox rash, sores or scabs
 - Contact with objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox
 - Through respiratory droplets or oral fluids from a person with monkeypox
- This contact can happen during intimate sexual contact including:
 - Oral, anal, and vaginal sex or touching the genitals or anus of a person with monkeypox
 - Hugging, massage, or kissing and talking closely
 - Touching fabrics and objects during sex that were used by a person with monkeypox, such as bedding, towels and sex toys
- We know the virus can be spread in fluid or pus from monkeypox sores, and are trying to better understand if the virus could be present in semen, vaginal fluids or other body fluids



What Are the Symptoms?

- Early flu-like symptoms of monkeypox can include:
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches and backache
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Chills
 - Exhaustion
- A rash or sores, sometimes located on or near the genitals or anus, but sometimes in other areas like the hands, feet, chest or face – sores will go through several stages before healing
- Sores may be inside the body, including the mouth, vagina, or anus
- Some people experience a rash or sores first, followed by other symptoms and some only experience a rash or sores
- Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until all sores have healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed – this can take several weeks



If You Have a New or Unexplained Rash, Sores, or Other Symptoms...

- See your healthcare provider – If you don’t have a provider or health insurance, visit a public health clinic near you
- When you see a healthcare provider for possible monkeypox, remind them that this virus is circulating in the community
- Avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until you have been checked out



If You or Your Partner Have Monkeypox...

- Follow the treatment and prevention recommendations of your healthcare provider
- Avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until all your sores have healed and you have a fresh layer of skin formed.



For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov/monkeypox

or call the Hopi Department of Health and Human Services at 928-737-6037

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Rumble on the Mountain 8 “Little Colorado River: Heartbeat of the Plateau”



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Submitted by: Ed Kabotie

Flagstaff, AZ – September 16, 2022 The Little Colorado River is vital to both the physical and cultural existence of Native American tribes of Northern Arizona. Water rights settlements and ongoing threats of development to the river are causes of great distress for traditional people, as are the positions of local, state, and federal government in regards to tribal interests. Rumble on the Mountain 8, “Little Colorado River: Heartbeat of the Plateau” will take place at the Native American Cultural Center on the campus of Northern Arizona University on September 24, 2022, from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Rumble on the Mountain is a live “edu-tainment” event that features Indige-

nous artists, speakers, and performers who gather to build solidarity for the protection of sacred lands and spaces across the Colorado Plateau. Event organizer Ed Kabotie explains, “The Little Colorado River is the heartbeat of the Plateau. Its health represents the well-being of the water systems throughout the region.” This year’s show will feature the voices of Vernon Masayesva, Ed Kabotie & Tha ‘Yoties, The Antelope Track Dance Group, and Ryon Polequaptewa.

Rumble on Mountain 8, is an all-ages event sponsored by the Center for Ecosystem Science and Society at NAU and the Climate Education Engagement & Design (CEED) program.

Contact Ed Kabotie at (505) 274-6822, edkabotie@gmail.com with any questions or for further information.

Hopi Three Mesas, Inc. Receives \$100,000 Grant to Address Climate Change on Hopi

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Bonnie Secakuku,
Hopi Three Mesas, Inc. Founder/Board
Member

Second Mesa, Ariz. – August 31, 2022 The Hopi Three Mesas, Inc. (H3M), a 501(c) 3 Hopi nonprofit, recently received a \$100,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colo. This award will support the efforts of Youth for the Future: Educating Hopi 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors for a Sustainable Future.

The funds will be used to educate ten (10) Hopi youth about climate change and the impacts it has on our corn fields and the Hopi agricultural growing season. The youth will create a mitigation plan in hopes of getting all members of Hopi to follow in doing their small part to sustain our future of Hopi ways intact by being able to continue to grow corn. Over time, Hopi has experienced droughts due to the lack of rains and snows, our corn fields are not producing as much corn. “Corn is the main food source for all Hopi families as well as for ceremonies...all Hopi families and farmers are feeling the impact of the drought and hotter temperatures, and wondering why our weather has changed...our Hopi youth will help to sustain their future by learning and addressing climate change so we can continue to grow our corn, continue our ceremonies and survive to live for thousands of years.” says Bonnie Secakuku, Board Member and Founder.

In addition to the mitigation plan, the youth will develop social media messaging to help keep the Hopi people informed to do their small part as reminders to help combat climate change. To combat climate change, it will take everyone on

Hopi, within our State, United States and the world to do their part. The youth will work with Hopi advisors who will help with messaging spoken in Hopi, share our values and philosophies with the youth, and continue to keep the Hopi lavayi alive. The Hopi Healthy Living Ambassadors is a 4-H program and has been in existence for two years. The youth that participate in the 4-H program are Ambassadors to their peers as well as their peers in other counties and the State of Ariz. to live healthy vibrant lives. Pima County’s Healthy Living Ambassadors is a strong partner and the youth have traveled to Tucson, Ariz. to meet with other youth and also traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the national Healthy Living Conference to find common ground in issues that impact all youth and what they need to do to support one another to live healthy lives.

H3M is a Hopi nonprofit, as a 501(c) 3. H3M was established in 2014 and has just begun to develop programming under the nonprofit. The mission is to strengthen and revitalize Hopi culture, language, and life. H3M will dedicate its resources to improving the general welfare, health, safety, and social and economic stability of Hopi villages, the Hopi Tribe, and its members, wherever they reside.

Recently, H3M added a youth component, the Hopi Youth Club, to focus on getting youth involved so they can help be a part of sustaining their future. For more information on H3M or joining the Hopi Healthy Living Ambassadors program for Hopi youth, and to donate to the work the youth will be doing, you may contact Bonnie Secakuku, Founder and Board Member at bjsecakuku@yahoo.com or by cell number at 928-255-2572.

New App for 2022 Flagstaff Festival of Science Makes It Fun and Easy to Map Out the '10 Best Days of the Year'!

PRESS RELEASE

Submitted by: Elizabeth Vogler, Festival Director

September 6, 2022 - FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. The Flagstaff Festival of Science Board of Directors just launched a new app designed to give festival-goers a fun and convenient way to discover all the wonders of science that are in store for them at this year's Festival, Sept. 23-Oct. 2, 2022.

Brandon Lurie, who leads the Festival's Program Committee, spearheaded creation of the app, working with developers Grandstand in Lincoln, Neb. "The Festival offers more than 100 events this year, including early childhood activities, webinars, lectures, panels, guided hikes, networking events, workshops and more. This can be very exciting but also daunting to a Festival attendee," he said. "The app enables participants to tailor their Festival experiences to their interests. It's easy for them to add events to their personal calendars and access all the great online content we've generated since 2015."

App expands Festival's reach, increases accessibility

"The launch of our new app is a giant leap forward for us strategically," said Virginia Watahomigie, Festival Board President. "It expands our reach across the community and increases accessibility to Festival events for everyone, which is at the heart of our mission. A special thank you to our donors for the funding that made it possible for us to develop and launch the app."

Explained Lurie, "We also wanted to make this fun and engaging. Participants can use the photo filter to create mementos, and the scavenger hunt is a great way for users to show off their Festival of Science fandom. The app also links to a survey that participants can use to provide feedback on the events—which will give us insight on what they would like to see in the future. We are really looking

forward to getting that feedback from our users this year."

The app offers many other features, including the ability to filter by event type, create a favorites list, register for online-only webinars or reserve a spot for in-person events. Participants will also be able to stream content from previous Festivals, including SCI Talks and keynote presentations. The new app incorporates the Festival's new brand look, featuring a fresh new logo, color palette and accompanying text elements.

The public is invited to download the app from the iPhone App Store (for Apple phones) or from Google play (for Android phones). They can also visit the Festival website at scifest.org to learn more about the 2022 Festival of Science, which will feature more than 100 free events from Sept. 23-Oct. 2.

ABOUT THE FLAGSTAFF FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE

The Flagstaff Festival of Science serves to connect and inspire the citizens of northern Arizona, particularly youth, with the wonders of science and the joy of scientific discovery. A free, annual 10-day event, the Festival is wholly designed to promote awareness and enthusiasm for science in and about northern Arizona and is fondly known as the '10 best days of the year.' Established in 1990, it is the longest running, entirely free public science festival in the U.S. The Festival is made possible through the generous support of businesses, organizations, foundations and individuals. Major sponsors include W. L. Gore & Associates, the City of Flagstaff/BBB Revenues, Creative Flagstaff, Northern Arizona University, SuddenLink, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff and Peaks Audio Productions.

Contact Elizabeth Vogler, Festival Director with any questions at: elizabeth.vogler@scifest.org

Hopi Behavioral Health Hosts 2022 Hopi Recovery Celebration

Press Release

Submitted by: Kayla Namoki, TOR-Case Manager - Hopi Behavioral Health Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - September 14, 2022 Hopi Behavioral Health will be hosting a Hopi Recovery Celebration event on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held outside the Kykotsmovi Community Center, next to the small park area.

September is National Recovery Month as well as Suicide Prevention/Awareness month. The goal of the event is to bring our Hopi community together to show support, compassion and provide resources

to our families who have been struggling with mental health and substance use issues.

Speakers will offer messages of hope that recovery is possible. This year's National Theme is "Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community Opens a new Window." Everyone's journey to recovery is unique and different, but no one should take this journey alone. Ovi itam yaapiy namitunatyal-totini. Sino hapi a'nave hiikyayta.

Contact Kayla Namoki or Andrea Joshevama at 928-737-6300 or at ajoshevama@hopi.nsn.us or kanamoki@hopi.nsn.us. All Hopi COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

LEGALS

IN THE HOPI TRIBAL COURT

KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

In The Matter of the Change of Name:)	
)	NO: 2022-CV-0044
)	
Lauryn Rae Honwynewa)	
)	NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO)	OF CHANGE OF NAME
)	
Lauryn Kuwanhoynöm Joshweseoma)	

Notice is hereby given that Lauryn Rae Honwynewa has petitioned the Court for the change of name, from:

Lauryn Rae Honwynewa to Lauryn Kuwanhoynöm Joshweseoma

Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Tribal Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2022.

Belena Harvey
Belena Harvey, Clerk of the Court

The Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program Conducts September 2022 Public Hearings

Press Release

Submitted by: Berlene Lamson, Acting Program Manager, Water Resources Program

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – September 16, 2022 In accordance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) §303©(1), EPA's implementation guidance at 40 CFR 131.20, and §1.104 of the Water Quality Standards (WQS) of the Hopi Tribe, the Water Resources Program held public hearing meetings in September 2022 at the following locations:

1. Moenkopi - Senior Center 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2022
2. Kykotsmovi – Hopi Veterans Center 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2022
3. Polacca - FMCV Community Building 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2022

The hearing meetings were conducted as part of the Hopi WQS; and was seeking input from individuals, Hopi Villages, Tribal program staff, and federal agencies involved in the use of, and protection or preservation of the Hopi water resources and quality. The Hopi Tribe established water quality standards (WQS) in 2011. Federal regulations require the Tribe to review them every three years. If appropriate, the Tribe may be retaining the standards or modify them based on EPA review and approval. The Triennial Review is a process leading to these potential outcomes.

Information from the meetings will enable an understanding of the WQS program and WRP's role and responsibility in the implementation of the standards.

A slide presentation, picture boards, and handouts were provided to attendees to understand water quality programs.

Questions regarding the Hopi WQS, the monitoring of surface water and groundwater, the protection of and mitigation of springs and other water quality problems were addressed. Also, the role and responsibility of the WRP about Tribal water resources was reviewed at the hearing meetings.

The Hopi public was invited, via Press Release in the August 3, 2022 Volume 30, Number 15 of the Hopi Tutuveni, to attend any one of the meetings. The Hopi public is also invited to provide written comments, ask questions, and express any concerns relating to the quality of the water in their perspective villages.

The input will be considered in the drafting of the Triennial Review Report with its submission date, yet to be determined, to Hopi Tribal Council for review and adoption of EPA Water Quality Criteria. Once reviewed and adopted by Hopi Tribal Council the process of submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, in compliance with the Water Quality Standards review will be conducted.

Written public comments are due October 28, 2022 to the Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program. For more information about this release, please contact: The Hopi Tribe, Water Resources Program at P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 and by phone at (928) 734-3712 or (928) 734-3713.

Department of Health & Human Services Welcomed Community to Open House *Hopi programs offer many services via new location*

Submitted by: Armando Saldivar, Communication Specialist Hopi Tribe

Kykotsmovi, AZ – September 16, 2022 The Hopi Department of Health & Human Services (HDHHS), Hopi Social Services, Hopi Solid Waste Management Program, and the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services extended an invitation to all members of the Hopi community to visit their new location at the Turquoise Well Complex.

All HDHHS programs such as Great Beginnings for Healthy Native Smiles, Public Health Compliance Program, the Small Animal Control Program and other HDHHS programs not housed at the Complex such as; Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Program, Community Health Representatives, Cancer Support Services, Hopi Medical Transportation, Office of Aging & Adult Services, and the Hopi Wellness Center provided information during the event.

The Open House took place on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Turquoise Well Complex.

Other programs scheduled to participate and provide information included: Social Services, Hopi Solid Waste Management Program, and the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services.

"We're excited to welcome our community to our new home, and want to make sure everyone knows who we are and where we are located", said Royce Jenkins, DHHS Director/Public Health Authority. "Bringing all these programs together for our open house is a great way to showcase the services and shows our solidarity and cooperation between programs which has been critical especially over the past couple of years."

The event took place north of the Hopi Cultural Center on Indian Route 4 (Turquoise Trail) and going north approximately 16 miles to N8031 by the Hard Rock community. The Turquoise Well Complex is located on the right side approximately 1/4 mile from the turn-off. On-site parking was made available and there was designated parking at the Hopi Cultural Center with limited shuttle service to the event.

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Hopi Veterinary Service Holds Virtual Rez Dog Contest in August 2022

Submitted by: Pam Lalo, Director –
Hopi Veterinary Service

Keams Canyon, Ariz. – September 15, 2022 The Hopi Veterinary Service had been trying to think of ways to encourage pet owner's to show they are responsible pet owners. We had thought of a "Doggie Field Day" and had the ball rolling; the event was to be held on August 10th Pueblo Revolt Day. Everything was set; all the games were ready to go however we were informed the event could not be held on the recognized holiday. Since we were unable to hold the event we decided to do a virtual "Rez Dog Contest" in August 2022.

We had 5 categories which were: "Smallest" "Biggest" "Cutest" "Ugliest" and the "Rezziest" (if there's such a thing as "Rezziest")

Pictures had to be current and they were

either emailed to clinic staff or posted on staff Facebook profile pages with the name of pet, name of owner, village and category they wanted the dog to be entered into. There were 90 dogs that were entered in the contest so it was very hard to pick from all the dogs.

Below are the winners from the various categories, along with all the pictured submissions from the various categories. The Hopi Veterinary Service's First Virtual Rez Dog Contest was a success and we hope to hold another Halloween themed event during the month of October 2022 and look forward to many more submissions and fun to be had.

We thank all the pet owners and pets that participated in the August 2022 Virtual event and encourage the pet owners to continue caring for your pets and having fun with them, as well.

Category winners are as follow:

Smallest:



1st place: "Tinker Belle"
Owner: Chelsea from Tewa



2nd place: "TinkerBelle"
Owner: Brandon from Hotevilla



3rd place: PHX"
Owner: Micah from Mishongnovi

Judge's Choice:



"Xanado"
Owner: Kylee from Bacavi



"Kiilo"
Owner: Tobias from Shungonavi



"Mia"
Owner: Jerene from Walpi

Cutest:



1st place: "Roxie"
Owner: Eva from Hotevilla



2nd place: "Warwick"
Owner: Erin & Joe from Bacavi



3rd place: "Penelope"
Owner: Sherry and Ian from Shungopavi

Ugliest:



1st place: "Sybil"
Owner: Renee from Walpi



2nd place: "Fancy"
Owner: Marcella from Steamboat



3rd place: "Oso"
Owner: Antonio from Polacca

Rezziest:



1st place: "Frankie"
Owner: Marcella from Steamboat



2nd place: "Rucco"
Owner: Raquelle from Shipaulovi



3rd place: "Bear"
Owner: Tonia from Te

Biggest:



1st place: "Xanadu"
Owner: Kylee from Bacavi



2nd place: "Hongvi"
Owner: Sherry & Ian from Shungopavi



3rd place: "Tanka"
Owner: VA & Cecelia from Walpi





U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola with Speaker Nancy Pelosi during the ceremonial swearing-in ceremony held in the Rayburn Room of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on September 13, 2022.

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In the calm before the storm, U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola, Yup'ik, embraced her colleague U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, on the House floor. Peltola was wearing her white mukluks with deep brown fur for her swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday night.

Last month, on her 49th birthday, Peltola, a Democrat, won the special election to finish out the late Don Young's term, which ends in January. Her victory meant Peltola bested a field of candidates that included Republican Sarah Palin, who was seeking a political comeback in the state where she once served as governor.

Peltola looked up to find her family and friends in the gallery. She gestured toward them and both lawmakers waved. A dozen or so people waved back at Peltola and Davids. Her husband, seven children and a few of her grandchildren were in attendance.

"I'm starting to cry," said Naomi Miguel, staff director for the House subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. "When I started here in Congress there was no one that looked like us and it was so nice to see Deb and Sharice break those barriers for us and then to see this today for Alaska Native women. It's been such an honor and I'm so happy to enjoy it with my staff who are also Native women from throughout the country. I'm just so excited to know that we're breaking these barriers."

Soon the House was in session and Peltola took a seat at the front of the chamber. She placed both hands on her lap and smiled as staff announced that it was certified that she was elected to represent the Alaska-At-Large seat in the House of Representatives.

The official swearing in ceremony was the first order of business. Peltola stood in the middle between Reps. Pat

Ryan and Joe Sempolinski of New York, who were also sworn-in. She raised her right hand and stood tall with a slight smile and stared back at Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi asked the three new representatives: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support or defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. That you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. That you take this oath, this obligation, freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are bound to enter, so help you God?"

With a simple, "I do" Peltola joined the 117th Congress. The crowd erupted in applause and the entire gallery stood.

Not only is Peltola the first Alaska Native elected to Congress but the first woman to represent the state of Alaska in the House. She previously was a state lawmaker for 10 years representing the rural hub community of Bethel, Alaska.

"I intend to work my very hardest to walk in Don's footsteps and carry on his legacy to the best of my ability, to work for all Alaskans and I just really appreciate this opportunity," Peltola said during the ceremonial swearing-in. "Thank you for sharing this moment with me."

Young held his seat for nearly five decades. He was the longest serving representative.

Peltola hugged her children and kissed her husband before she was whisked away from the ceremonial swearing-in held in the Rayburn Room in the U.S. Capitol to cast her first vote.

"She can't miss the vote," staffers said repeatedly.

Peltola's campaign has emphasized her dedication to "fish, family and freedom." Fish are a staple in Alaskan life, and salmon holds particular cultural significance to

Alaska Natives. A subsistence lifestyle — relying on fish, wildlife and berries — is essential in rural Alaska, including in many Native communities, where goods must be flown or barged in and costs for basic necessities can be exorbitant.

"Fish are life," Peltola said in her first speech as a member of Congress.

Peltola said she sees her few weeks in office as an homage to Young's service as a more moderate force in an increasingly polarized Congress. Like the often gruff Young, Peltola said she is bringing a sense of humor to the job, along with a history of being a consensus-builder with even the most conservative of colleagues.

Peltola repeatedly mentioned that she would work with people from both sides to do what is best for Alaskans.

But staying above the fray could prove difficult. Peltola is on the ballot in November to serve a full two-year term, facing off against Palin again as well as Republican Nick Begich and Libertarian Chris Bye, all of whom advanced from August's open primary.

That's partly why Peltola said she doesn't plan to get too comfortable in her new office, which Young, a Republican, adorned with the heads of bucks and bears and large rifles in a nod to his love of hunting. Now those walls are bare.

"It didn't make sense to really become too entrenched, or decorate, or set up shop," Peltola said. "I really just feel like I'm camping here until the term is over. And then being open and seeing what happens next."

"It has taken 233 years for the U.S. Congress to be fully represented by this country's indigenous peoples. Tonight, a Native American, a Native Alaskan & a Native Hawaiian are sitting members of the people's House. Welcome U.S. Representative Peltola to the 117th Congress!" Rep. Kaiali'i Kahele, Native Hawaiian, said.

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response August 26, 2022 Report (REPUBLISH)

Due to transitions occurring in DHHS the latest COVID 19 report was the one published on August 26

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).

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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.

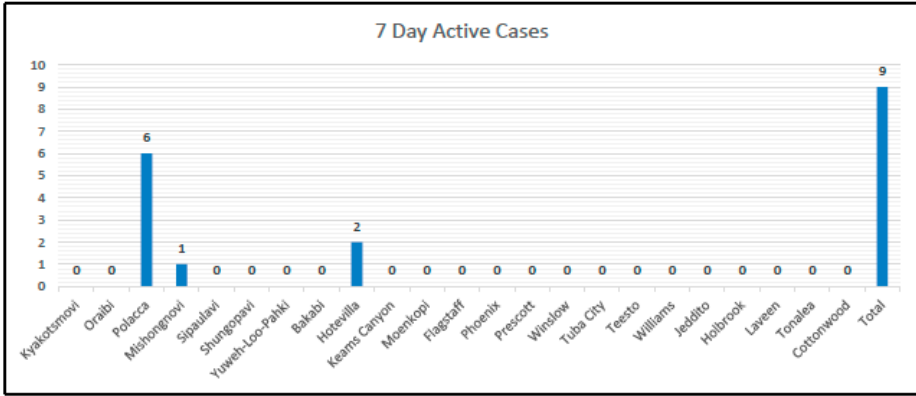
- ☐ It's been at last ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing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

AS OF AUGUST 26, 2022 (Arizona and County Data Updates on Wednesdays)				
	U.S.	Arizona	Navajo	Coconino County
Cases	93,880,573	2,245,713	43,537	49,100
Deaths	1,037,953	31,047	932	491
Vaccination (Total Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	79.1%	73.8%	54.7%	67.0%
Vaccination (Eligible Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	83.7%	74.2%	55.1%	67.3%

	COVID-19 Positives Last 14-Days	COVID-19 Positives Cumulative Total	Most Recent Case
Kyakotsmovi	4	339	August 19, 2022
Oraibi	1	42	August 17, 2022
Polacca (Walpi-Shitcheumovi-Lewa)	15	723	August 24, 2022
Mishongnovi	3	223	August 19, 2022
Sipaulavi	0	121	July 22, 2022
Shungopavi	0	648	August 11, 2022
Yuwelt-Loo-Pahiki	0	16	July 28, 2022
Bakabi	0	112	July 10, 2022
Hotevilla	4	370	August 25, 2022
Keams Canyon	0	241	August 10, 2022
Moenkopi	0	365	August 11, 2022
Flagstaff	0	8	July 25, 2022
Phoenix	0	7	May 25, 2022
Prescott	0	1	July 20, 2020
Winslow	0	14	June 21, 2022
Tuba City	0	15	July 14, 2022
Teesto	0	2	October 7, 2021
Williams	0	1	May 11, 2022
Jeddito	0	2	June 13, 2022
Holbrook	0	1	May 27, 2022
Laveen	0	1	June 26, 2022
Tonalea	0	1	July 11, 2022
Cottonwood	0	1	July 15, 2022
TOTAL	27	3054	



VILLAGE	POPULATION ESTIMATE	NUMBER VACCINATED *	PERCENT OF POPULATION VACCINATED	VACCINE RANKING (HIGHEST = 1)
Bakabi	359	271	75.49%	4
Hotevilla	826	729	88.26%	2
Kyakotsmovi	547	706	129.07%	1
Mishongnovi	734	415	56.54%	9
Moenkopi	1,180	880	74.58%	5
Oraibi	239	178	74.48%	6
Shungopavi	1,269	874	68.87%	8
Sipaulavi	404	280	69.31%	7
Polacca	1,983	1,590	80.18%	3
Total	7,541**	5,923	78.54%	

# OF NEW CASES PER DAY							
	SAT 8/20	SUN 8/21	MON 8/22	TUES 8/23	WED 8/24	THURS 8/25	FRI 8/26
Kyakotsmovi							
Orayvi							
Polacca	1	1	2	1		1	
Mishongnovi	1						
Shipaulovi							
Shungopavi							
Yuwelt-paki							
Bacavi							
Hotevilla					1		1
Keams Canyon							
Moenkopi							
Flagstaff							
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Prescott							
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Tuba City							
Teesto							
Jeddito							
Holbrook							
Laveen							
Tonalea							
Cottonwood							
TOTAL CASES	2	1	2	1	1	1	1



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Across

2. Mamqasi

5. Sipala

7. Töövü

9. Tuutsama

10. Kiihu

11. Soohu

12. Sawya

13. Aahu

15. Pono

16. Moosa

Down

1. Mooho

3. Wipala

4. Sungwa

5. Tumna

6. Maqto

8. Mana

12. Muki

12. Tiyo

14. Sikwi

15. Tukpu

Answers in next issue

Answers

Across

5. Apple, 6. Arrow, 7. Tomorrow, 11. Tobacco, 13. Badger, 16. Language, 17. Drink, 20. Think, 21. Ladder, 23. Feed, 24. Turtle, 25. Nice

Down

1. Snow, 2. All, 3. Parrot, 4. Cattail, 8. Mustardseed, 9. Work, 10. Tea, 12. Bow, 14. Rained, 15. Breeze, 18. Ground, 19. Listen, 22. Drum

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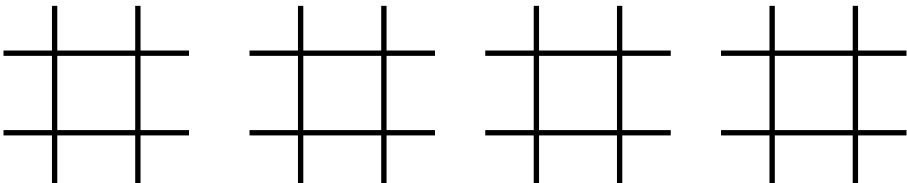


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HOPi WORDS	Tunatya - Intention	Hiisa - Many
Kwisto - Get	Itsivu - Intolerant	Paati - Melt
Yup'a - Go ahead	Tuwat - In turn	Qa'ántipu - Mistake
Nima - Go home	Qanaani - Jealous (feel)	Qaavo - Next day
Nakwhana - Grant permission	Tumala - Job	Aa'awna - 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!
Häalayi - 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





Growing up on the reservation taught me that everything out here is tough to accomplish. I mean, living on the reservation...life is hard. You would have to work for everything from food to education and everything in between.

But when I was growing up, I don't think I ever paid attention to how life was for me then. When you're a mush head kitten, it seems you ignore the bad things in your childhood. Of course, we all have scars, but look at us now; we're entirely "NORMAL."

When you're a mush head kitten, you don't think about the bad things in the "now" REZ life, like drugs and alcohol. Back then, energy, as a simple force, was accessible. All you had to do was wait till your parents called you into the house. Or, you could eat at someone's house, and they would take you home afterward, right?

As kittens, we knew that there were drugs and alcohol in the village, but it was never a bother because it was frowned upon. We would make fun of the village drunks, and they would cower in shame for what they did. But nowadays, the entire village seems to be one big drunk person. And it's easy to be one big intoxicated person because you can buy alcohol and drugs on the reservation. All you must do is go next door and ask. Even the "grandma" next door will say, "\$20 for a bottle"... it's that easy.

It's strange because, in a short amount of time, drugs and alcohol have shaped and impacted the Hopi community drastically. The drunks we use to make fun of that cowered in shame seem to have no shame at all. When did that change? Now we don't make fun of them anymore. We say, "Daha is drunk again,"...and we go back to our daily business.

Younger kids already know what a drunken person looks like even before their first birthday. It's like we have engrained drugs and alcohol into our Hopi culture now, and we accept that it's part of our everyday tradition.

With drugs and alcohol now seeming to be part of our culture, killing and stealing acts are followed closely.

See, when I was growing up, I thought that killing and stealing were only on TV or in the big city. I would have never thought that those types of words would ever be used on the Hopi reservation because it was never part of our vocabulary when I was growing up. But now we hear that every day in the community and on Facebook. Of course, we have a legal system that tries to improve our "problem" but even that is broken and when you have an entire reservation full of drugs and alcohol, the problem seems to be growing from generation to generation.

So how can we solve this reservation-wide problem? That is one question I don't have a solution for. It's like trying to solve a division problem that we haven't seen in over 20 years. We cannot solve it, but that doesn't mean there isn't a solution. It just means that this problem is something that the entire reservation must come up with and not just a single person or group.

Of course, in schools, we teach our children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol by showing them what could happen to them if they do "go down that path." And it seems somewhere down the road, they will eventually try drugs and alcohol, and some will become addicted and others will not, but I guess it's how we are all raised. Do we accept that drugs and alcohol are part of the Hopi culture now? Or do we put a barrier between us to not see the absolute truth?

When I think of the word "STEAL," it seems that it is always used on Facebook. Every time I read it, it will say something like, "Someone stole my Hopi belt" or "Someone stole my grandma's walker." We are getting to the point where "BIG CITY" problems are becoming our problems. Why don't we do anything about it? Well, I say it's because we know that person's grandmother, grandfather or relative and they are good people. We are all scared to accuse someone of stealing because of the thought of what might happen if we accuse someone for stealing.

I'm pretty sure that a long time ago, when a Hopi per-

son was caught stealing, it was dealt with in a village setting where the person who stole something would do something to work off their debt to the community. Or that person would be shamed into not stealing anymore by having their behavior corrected by the village and not just an individual. But it's not like that anymore; we are a close community, yet we are miles apart because we don't know who our neighbors are anymore.

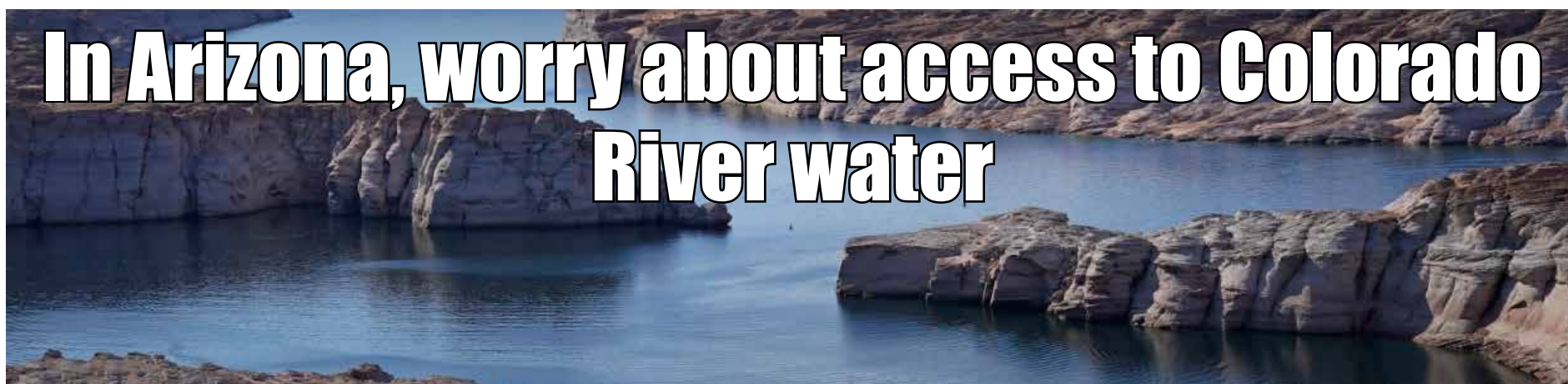
Of course, we have several groups who educate the community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and I applaud them for that. At least they are trying to make a change for our Hopi people. But, when you have just a simple group trying to make a change, it is not enough to make a dent, but they try, and they will continue to educate the Hopi community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Every Hopi family here on the Hopi reservation has a person who drinks those lives with them, and it seems that we are forced to accept them as they are.

So, let me ask, is it ok to do that? Is it ok to treat them like this is part of our culture now? So, what can we do? I guess that's something we must "individually" come up with as a solution. Sometimes we will try to come up with answers like rehab centers or more PSA's about the "DANGERS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL,"... but are they working? How can we keep the dangers of drugs and alcohol away from kids?

I advise you that drugs and alcohol are touchy subjects on the Hopi reservation. Some will not want to look at the truth of this epidemic, and some will try to improve the problem. Educating our younger generation about these problems is one thing. Eventually, they will not be mush heads anymore, so they will have to be the ones to come up with their solution to this problem. All we can do is try to make sure we are all adults and show our younger generation that there is still hope in this Hopi world of ours and one without so much of an impact from drugs and alcohol if we could just choose not to use either one, even for one day at a time.

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In this July 31, 2021 photo, a boat cruises along Lake Powell near Page, Ariz. The elevation of Lake Powell fell below 3,525 feet (1,075 meters), a record low that surpasses a critical threshold at which officials have long warned signals their ability to general hydropower is in jeopardy. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File)

Tony Davis
Arizona Daily Star/Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Robbie Woodhouse's grandfather began nearly a century of family farming along the Gila River near Yuma in the middle 1920s when he dug up a bunch of mesquite stumps on his land to make way for his barley, wheat, Bermuda seed, cotton and melon fields.

Farming never really took off at the Woodhouse homestead until 1954, when the federal government finished a 75-mile-long concrete canal to bring Colorado River water to what's now known as the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, which covers about 58,500 acres along the Gila River east of the Colorado.

Today, Woodhouse presides over the governing board of a district with more than 120 individual growers, partnerships, trusts and other operating entities growing about 100 different crops, including seed crops as well as staples like wheat, cotton, lettuce and other produce. Wellton-Mohawk is one of six agricultural districts in the Yuma area that together grow 90 percent of the cauliflower, lettuce, broccoli and other winter vegetables sold in the U.S.

But now, the future of this district, of farming in the Yuma area in general and of Arizona's second largest drinking water supply for urban residents are all mired in a sea of uncertainty. Due to a logjam in interstate negotiations for massive cuts in Colorado River water deliveries, farmers and urban users have no idea how much water use they'll be ordered to cut, possibly starting next year.

All the Yuma area irrigation districts depend entirely on Colorado River water to nourish their crops. While groundwater does lie beneath many of the farm fields, its quality is uncertain or poor in many places.

"Obviously we're very, very concerned," said Woodhouse, whose 1,250 acres grow mostly produce, such as cauliflower, broccoli and lettuce. "Without the water, we don't grow anything. But I wouldn't say we are scared. We do feel an obligation to do our part."

Water officials of Arizona cities of Tucson, Goodyear and Scottsdale are also concerned and a little on edge al-

though they're not panicking. They are the most dependent of Arizona cities on river water delivered through the Central Arizona Project, a \$4 billion, 336-mile-long canal system running from the river to the Phoenix and Tucson areas.

While all these cities have backup supplies, led by groundwater, to cushion them in the short- to medium-term in the event of river water cuts, their long-term picture is more uncertain because the CAP was extended into Arizona nearly 40 years ago precisely to get them off groundwater.

Arizona got about 36 percent of its total water supply from the river as recently as 2020. That share of river water feeding farms and cities has declined some since then, with the advent of a federally approved Drought Contingency Plan that will cut the state's river water use by 21% starting in 2023. It's expected to drop even further in the coming years but nobody knows how much right now.

The uncertainty was triggered first in June, when Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton testified at a U.S. Senate Committee hearing that to stabilize the river's declining reservoirs Lakes Mead and Powell, the basin states need to cut their water use by roughly up to 30% starting in 2023, and come up with a plan to do that by mid-August. If a plan doesn't appear by then, she warned the federal government would impose its own, to "protect the system."

But mid-August came and went with no agreement and no plan or timetable for a plan from the bureau. The bureau did say at an Aug. 16 news conference, however, that it was going to look closely at several measures such as modifying the Hoover and Glen Canyon dams so they can keep delivering water at lower elevations and counting evaporation of water from Lake Mead and the river against the Lower Basin's total water supply, thereby reducing that supply by hundreds of thousands of acre-feet a year.

So now, Wellton Mohawk and the other irrigation districts are pushing a plan to cut one acre-foot of water used per acre annually, on 925,000 acres along the Lower Colorado River in Arizona and California. In return, they're

seeking \$1,500 an acre-foot in compensation, or a total of \$1.387 billion annually.

With that money, they'll invest in water-efficient farming tools like drip irrigation, gradually switch to less thirsty crops from water-slurping alfalfa and weather economic losses from reduced water use, Woodhouse said.

"What we want to have happen is for each individual farmer to operate their farms in the matter that they want to operate and plant the crops that they feel they can maintain the fertility of their soils," he said. "I'm sure it's going to greatly change crop rotations and also change management practices of individual farmers, to exist on less water. It's real important that those decisions be left to each individual farm."

This proposal has been roundly criticized by urban water leaders, however. While saying farms must take the biggest water use curbs because they use 72 percent of Arizona's water and close to 80 percent basin-wide, Central Arizona Project officials say the farmers' price tag is unrealistically high and that whatever money is paid should be used strictly to modernize irrigation practices for the long term.

"Anytime anyone wants to sit down with us and talk about it, we're more than willing to do so. But no one has been willing to discuss it," countered Wade Noble, an attorney representing the Yuma-area irrigation districts. "Until we get to that point, our voluntary forbearance of a significant amount of the water we control will remain on the terms we put on the table. We're not going to negotiate with ourselves."

Where both Arizona farms and cities agree is that the other river basin states and the federal government haven't moved fast enough to reduce water use.

"Reclamation has got to show some leadership and say this has got to be done and give us a guide map as to how the system is protected as the commissioner promised what it would be," Noble said.

The CAP's board president Terry Goddard and its previous president Lisa Atkins wrote a letter on Aug. 19 to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland that made essentially the same point. To date, no written

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response from Interior has been forthcoming.

With no action forthcoming on a deal, some Arizona water users have pulled back on past commitments to leave water in Lake Mead to prop it up. The Tucson City Council, for instance, had pledged earlier this year to leave 30,000 acre-feet in the lake in 2022 and 2023 but has since backed off that pledge and voted to order its full allocation of 144,191 acre-feet for 2023 pending the negotiations' outcome. The Gila River Indian Community withdrew an even larger commitment, to leave nearly 130,000 acre-feet in Mead next year. The CAP is holding onto 35,000 acre-feet it was going to leave in Mead and announced plans to remove another 18,000 acre-feet from the lake next year.

"Unfortunately, the community has been shocked and disappointed to see the complete lack of progress in reaching the kind of cooperative basin-wide plan necessary to save the Colorado River system," said Gila River Indian Community Chairman Stephen Roe Lewis.

Until now, it's left almost 600,000 other acre-feet of its CAP supply in Mead since 2016. In 2022 alone, CAP users and other Arizona Colorado River users left nearly 800,000 acre-feet in Mead, led by 512,000 acre-feet it legally had to leave there under the terms of the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan due to the lake's falling levels. Arizona and California left another 268,000 acre-feet in the lake this year from what's called the "500 Plus Plan," which had sought a half-million acre-feet in voluntary contributions to the lake, but projections for next year show more water will be removed from the lake under that plan than will be left in it.

Many Arizona cities using river water are preparing for the inevitability they'll have to use less. In Goodyear, in the Phoenix area's West Valley, whose population is about 101,000, the city has recharged about half of its annual CAP supplies into the ground for several years. It's also been recharging treated sewage effluent into the ground, and has stored a total of seven years' supply of both sources. It anticipates no short-term problems in delivering water to customers, said Ray Diaz, Goodyear's

water resources and sustainability manager.

Colorado River shortfalls aren't going to affect what the city does now but could in the future.

"What would happen if we were shorted and had to continue our approved development?" said Diaz. "It's something we would have to look into and really assess what we could afford for the future — how much water we can provide."

In Scottsdale in the Phoenix area's East Valley, CAP supplies about 70% of the water for its 250,000 residents. Most is delivered directly to homes and businesses rather than recharged. If the city had to sustain a large cut in CAP supplies, it would have to rely much more heavily on groundwater, said Gretchen Baumgardner, the city's water policy manager.

It has stored about 230,000 acre-feet of CAP water and treated sewage effluent in the ground — about 2.5 years worth of its current supply — but town officials don't want to use it all at once, Baumgardner said. It also gets about 15% of its supply from Salt and Verde River surface supplies, delivered by the quasi-public utility the Salt River Project.

"There will be a larger portion of groundwater" used in the future, said Baumgardner, adding that city officials won't know how much until they learn how drastic the cuts in CAP deliveries will be.

The city is also looking to extend its supply further. Its wastewater treatment plant in North Scottsdale operates a pilot project to treat a small amount of effluent to exceed state drinking water standards, a process called "direct potable reuse." The city is working with the State Department of Environmental Quality to help set up new state regulations that would allow the plant to reuse its wastewater for drinking on a larger scale.

But when asked if a "Day Zero" could ever arrive in which Scottsdale failed to meet all residents' demands for water, Baumgardner replied, "It's just one of those uncertainties right now. That will really be hard to answer," in part because of a pending effort by federal officials to overhaul its guidelines for operating its reservoirs — an

effort that won't be finished until 2026.

In Tucson, officials of the Tucson Water utility are more optimistic about their ability to survive major CAP cuts. The utility about 40 years ago signed up to take almost a third more CAP water than it needs today to serve the 735,610 customers living inside and outside city limits. That's allowed it to store nearly five and a half years worth of CAP in large, recharge basins — water that can be pumped when needed during CAP shortages later. The utility also has access to a huge aquifer lying under a large expanse of former farmland northwest of the city that it bought and retired in the 1970s. It also is regularly recharging and storing underground large amounts of partially treated effluent that can be pumped later for drinking.


But there is one cautionary note. A recent Bureau of Reclamation study found that as the Southwest's climate warms up, runoff of melting snows into rivers and washes surrounding the city is likely to decline, meaning less water will be replenishing its aquifer than in the past. That would increase the possibility that groundwater pumping in place of CAP water use could put increased pressure on the aquifer, triggering higher pumping costs and more likelihood of subsidence in which the ground collapses, possibly triggering fissures.

Ultimately, the story of CAP water in Arizona is a story about groundwater, added Kathryn Sorensen, a researcher for Arizona State University's Kyl Center for Water Policy. When there's less Colorado River water delivered to Arizona, the cities, farms and other users fall back on groundwater, she said.

"We are very blessed to have plentiful aquifers in central Arizona we can fall back on," Sorensen said while noting they are fossil aquifers, meaning water entered them thousands of years ago and they are not easily replaced.

"If we pump them and are unable to replenish the pumping, the aquifers will pay the price," she said.





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