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*See the problem is...*

*Read more about it*

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Free Hopi Tutuveni

**Pictured above: Two Arizona Native women, Renae Mahkewa - Hopi-Tewa and Tiffany Bahnimptewa - Hopi, sang the National Anthem at the Phoenix Suns Game in Phoenix, Ariz. on Sunday, January 8, 2023**

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## Public Service Announcement

# Hopi Law Enforcement Services Currently Experiencing Phone Lines Issues

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: LaVaun Dyer,  
Police Administrator, Hopi Law  
Enforcement Services

Or if at all possible, call  
from a landline phone to 928-  
734-7340.

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – December  
2, 2022 Hopi Law Enforce-  
ment Services is currently  
experiencing issues with our  
phone lines.

Incoming calls from cellu-  
lar phones are being received,  
however, the caller cannot  
hear dispatch on the other end.

Please use the HLES alter-  
nate number if you experience  
this issue.

**HLES**  
**Alternate Number:**  
**928-497-1493**

We apologize for this incon-  
venience and are working to  
get this issue resolved.



## Public Service Announcement January 4, 2023

# Hopi Law Enforcement Services Emergency Services Phone Line Issues

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 4, 2023** Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) continues to experience issues with receiving incoming phone calls from **cellular phones** (regardless of the cellphone provider) to the HLES landline phone number (928)734-7340.

The Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services is aware of this issue and is working in coordination with Tribal Leadership, Hopi Tribal Information Technology Department, CellularOne and Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) to resolve this issue.

On June 30, 2022, CellularOne notified the Hopi Tribe Information Technology Services and stated their roaming partners were shutting off their 3G network and upgrading to the Voice over LTE or VoLTE. CellularOne described VoLTE as “high definition voice” because call quality is significantly better when using LTE. CellularOne recommended to customers to contact their customer care representatives to upgrade. CellularOne customers can contact the customer service line at 1-800-730-2351 for additional information.

When calling for emergency services, HLES recommends using a landline phone to call (928)734-7340. In addition, if you currently have Wi-Fi connection via HTI set up in your home, HTI recommends the homeowner to hook up a home landline in case emergency calls need to be made. HTI customers may contact the customer service line at (928) 738-4674.

If a landline phone is unavailable to use and only a cellular device is available, call HLES at **(928) 497-1493**, for emergency services. Please share and save this alternate phone number on your cellular devices.

We apologize for this inconvenience and are working on solutions to get this issue immediately resolved.



# Public Service Announcement January 11, 2023

## Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Keams Canyon, Ariz. - January 11, 2023** In light of the recent Public Service Announcements regarding cell phone issues, emergency calls to HLES and general calls made using a cell phone; Cellular One has come to Hopi to work in resolving issues. They continue to work on their issue with connectivity.

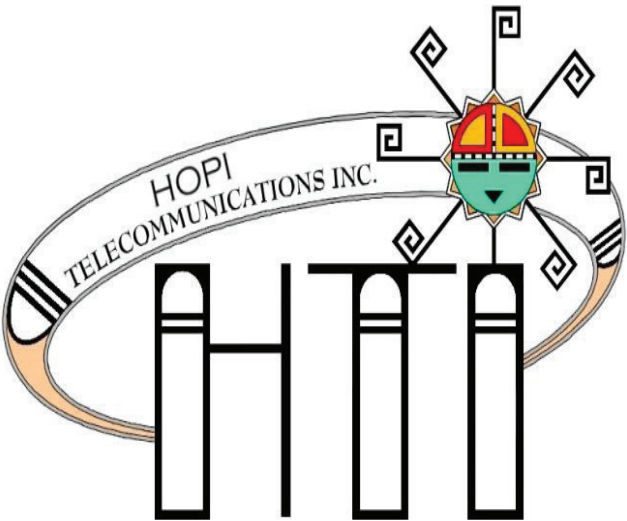
Hopi Telecommunications is the local landline and internet provider. Calls made from a landline aka home phones to any other landlines are secure. Some choose not to plug in a landline phone which is up to the customer but due to the recent cell phone issues, having a home landline is still a

necessity on Hopi and surrounding areas to connect reliably.

It has been determined the cell phone issues do not stem from HTI and HTI is not responsible for any issues if using a cell phone to make calls.

The cell phone issues to HLES are present when using a cell phone but if calling from a landline the call will be connected.

Any issues with landlines or internet can be reported to Hopi Telecommunications at 928-738-4674 or at HOPI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. P.O. Box 125, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034.



# Public Service Announcement for Hopi Tutuveni Newspaper

## Cellular One Says Hopi Safety is a Top Priority

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Cellular One

**Showlow, Ariz. - January 12, 2023,** A Public Service Announcement (PSA) issued by the Hopi Tribal Emergency last week stated that: Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) continues to experience issues with receiving incoming phone calls from cellular phones (regardless of the cellphone provider) to the HLES landline phone number (928) 734-7340.

“First and foremost, our priority is supporting the safety of the Hopi people. If mobile callers on Hopi are having trouble reaching Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES), we view this as an urgent problem,” said Cellular One CEO Judd Hinkle.

“In fact, over the last four months we have responded to every concern about call connections. Our actions have included directing calls over different routes, ordering and implementing additional circuits, call testing, and call tracing. With the close cooperation of technicians at Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI), we anticipate a quick resolution to the matter.”

Also, regarding the PSA issued January 4, 2023, by HLES, the Cellular One team would like to point out that the announcement blended two unrelated telecom topics into one communication to the public. This has caused concerns that the message may be misinterpreted by the public.

In the middle of the PSA, there are a handful of sentences excerpted from a letter that Cellular One sent to its

customers on June 30, 2022, about the fact that the carrier’s roaming partners were turning down their 3G networks and pivoting voice service entirely to VoLTE (voice over LTE). This migration to VoLTE technology has been in the works for years.

Unfortunately, taken out of context, this verbiage from Cellular One’s letter to its customers may unintentionally mislead members of the Hopi public into thinking that this milestone has something to do with the current challenges some mobile phone users are facing when trying to make a call to the Hopi Emergency Services landline.

To clarify: VoLTE and the current public safety issue are not related.

“We completely believe that no one intentionally created misinformation, but we wanted to help bring clarity,” added Hinkle.

“Also, we wish to emphasize again that our team is ready to work in concert with HLES and HTI to resolve the issues with some mobile phone calls not always connecting through to the Hopi Emergency Services landline. Hopi safety is a priority!”

**RESOURCES:** Per the PSA issued by HLES: If a landline phone is unavailable to use and only a cellular device is available, call HLES at **(928) 497-1493**, for emergency services.

If Cellular One customers have questions about VoLTE, they are encouraged to call Customer Care at 1-800-730-2351.

# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 1st Quarter Session

### December 1, 2022

### Month of January 2023 AGENDA

#### **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 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, Hopi Tribe – Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

4. Action Item #093-2022 – To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council –

Author/Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Tabled

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Action Item #007-2023 – To accept grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$719,669.00 – Author/Tanya Monroe

2. Action Item #010-2023 – Bureau of Land Management Grant Award Title: Utah Bears Ears Land Management Through the Lens of the Hopi Tribal Government, Hopi Elders and Hopi Youth – Author/Stewart B. Koyiumptewa, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

3. Action Item #013-2023 – To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Lucietta Wytewa – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

4. Action Item #014-2023 – To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Shelly Talas – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Action Item #015-2023 – To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Adri-

enne Talaswaima – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

6. Action Item #16-2023 - To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Tracy Billy - Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Action Item #017-2023 – To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Mary Talayumptewa – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

8. Action Item #018-2023 - To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Candace Ami - Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Action Item #019-2023 – To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Susan Ross – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Action Item #20-2023 - To approve a Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Residential Lease Agreement for Darlene Mahle - Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Hopi Real Estate Services – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - \*Time Certain, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

11. Action Item #021-2023 – Walpi Housing Management Agreement – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

12. Action Item #022-2023 – To appoint Trevor Reed as Appellate Justice of the Hopi Appellate Court – Author/Raymond Namoki, Member, Hopi Law & Order Committee

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**TAKE 3 ACTIONS TO FIGHT FLU**

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that can be serious. Every year, millions of people get sick, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands to tens of thousands of people die from flu. CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from flu.

**GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY VACCINATED!**

A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

Everyone 6 months or older should get an annual flu vaccine. Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Get Vaccinated. #FightFlu

**STOP THE SPREAD**

Take everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of flu viruses!

Avoid close contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often (with soap and water).

**ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT FLU ANTIVIRALS**

Take antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them!

Antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness and can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
1st Quarter Session  
January 2023 AGENDA, contin...**

13. Discussion & Possible Action – Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gaming in the Upper Village of Moenkopi – Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi – Referred to Hopi Gaming Committee

14. a. Letter dated October 6, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Bear Clan Elder/Village Leader, Mishongnovi Village; RE: Musangnuvi Village Elections – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

b. Letter dated November 16, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma; RE: Request for appearance for the purpose of updating the Council on the current governmental situation of Mishongnovi Village – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - \*\*Time Certain - January 3, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. (both a and b)

15. Letter dated November 23, 2022 from Robert Charley; RE: Resubmission of Letter of Interest for Re-appointment in current position as Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi

16. Letter dated November 18, 2022 from Dwayne Secakuku; RE: HTHA BOC Member Resignation – Danny Honanie, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

17. Presentation of Special Master's Report & Hopi Tribe's Objections to Final Report concerning the Little Colorado River (LCR) litigation by Osborn Maledon – Dale Sinquah, Water/Energy Committee Member

18. Letter dated December 8, 2022 from Rachel Hood, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Deputy Political Director, Arizona Democratic Party – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - \*\*Time Certain – January 24, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the Executive Director
- Updated Report – Directive – HTC Resolution H-058-2021
6. Office of the General Counsel
7. Land Commission
8. Water/Energy Committee
9. Transportation Committee
10. Law & Order Committee
11. Investment Committee a. Moencopi Developers Corporation b. Walpi Housing Management Agreement communications c. Updating of the Hopi Tribe's Investment Policy d. Status of Moenkopi Developers Corporation Hopi Loan
12. Health/Education Committee
13. Building Communities Update on status and objectives of Joint Village Strategic Planning - Letter dated November 9, 2022 From Brian Cole – William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi

14. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Narrative written programmatic report and financial status regarding the recovery efforts undertaken utilizing said funds – Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

\*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item  
\*\*Time Certain Requests

# January is National “Dry January Month”

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**By: Bernadean Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor**

**Kykotsmovi, AZ – December 27, 2022** The month of January is National “Dry January Month”. The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) would like to raise awareness of Dry January. This is a public health campaign designed to educate people on the increase of alcohol and substance use throughout the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has played a role in the increase of alcohol consumption.

Dry January was observed in the United States in 1920 after the eighteenth amendment was proposed by the United States senate in 1917. It went dormant for a while, the awareness has been increasing as of 2014. Individuals who recognized an increase in their alcohol consumption made the change by exercising this awareness. This awareness can be challenging for some individuals. If you are unsure of your relationship with alcohol consider asking yourself the following questions:

Am I using alcohol as a tool to cope with stressful situations?  
Do I find myself stressed out without it?  
How many alcoholic drinks per day or week have I consumed?  
Has my alcohol consumption impacted my personal and/or professional relationships?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, please consider exercising this awareness. HSAPC staff encourages you to seek help and continue to abstain from alcohol and substance use. You are a valuable individual and we see your value.

The HSAPC staff would like to share some encouraging exercises that may be helpful in your journey with “Dry January”. First, create an environment where you’re going to succeed. Hide, throw away, and pour out your alcoholic beverages. Out of sight out of mind!! Second, recruit a friend, family member, and supportive individual to the challenge to assist you with your efforts. You can encourage each other and possibly recruit others to join the exercise/challenge. Third, schedule things that you enjoy doing. Examples can be cooking with loved ones, taking walks with loved ones, starting a new hobby you’ve been thinking of trying, or spending time with an elderly. Do your best to keep busy in a positive way. As a grant recipient of the Arizona’s Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith, and Family’s - Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (funds provided through SAMHSA), the HSAPC staff receive trauma informed care training and utilize strategies in our services. HSAPC mentors help individuals work through their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing journey. “We believe in honoring ourselves by living an honest, sober, balanced life”. Healing begins with you!

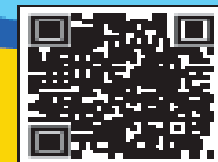
HSAPC mentors provide one to one mentoring services for youth and adults, group classes, community presentations, supportive programs for local schools, and cognitive restructuring for a positive recovery journey. All HSAPC services are free of charge, as we are a non-profit organization. We encourage all who are in their recovery journey to take it one day at a time; sometimes it’s one moment at a time. If you feel comfortable reaching out to HSAPC mentors, call 928-734-0300. You can also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment, or call your local Behavioral Health facility.



## Educational Opportunity Centers

EOC is a northern Arizona program assisting adults 19 and older who are interested in pursuing a certificate, license, or degree at their local college. Our Coordinators can assist with GED, financial aid, and applying for college.

You can reach us at 928-523-3305 or visit our website at [nau.edu/eoc](http://nau.edu/eoc).



**The Hopi Tutuveni Team**  
**sends out positive energy to all during the NEW YEAR 2023!**



# Public Service Announcement

## THE TOP RED FLAGS FOR UNETHICAL TREATMENT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Submitted by: Hopi Behavioral Health Services**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 13, 2023** If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use disorders and/or alcoholism please seek help from your local behavioral health provider, ER, primary care physician or detox facility. With the rise in kidnappings and human trafficking on and around the reservations, follow these tips to keep you safe:

1. Avoid getting into unmarked passenger vans or SUVs. They can vary in color but are typically silver, white, black, and in some cases, red.
2. Never get in a vehicle with someone who is offering you alcohol, food, money or free housing. This is enticement, and not only is it dangerous, it's also illegal.
3. Always ask the driver for a business card with the company name and phone numbers and share with a relative or peer. Also get at least a business card that has an address for where you'll be taken. Reputable treatment centers DO NOT send drivers or "recruiters" to pick up patients on the reservation, from jails, bus stops, homeless shelters, on the roads, or off the streets in border towns.
4. Beware of a 30-day blackout period. While there is some value and benefit to cutting you off from drug dealers, gang members and your family, there is also an increased chance that you will be reported missing. If they take your phone or sim card away and tell you that you can't speak to anyone, this is NOT the place for you. Most treatment center have a 7-day blackout period and this is discussed with your support network or the agency that referred you.
5. Always obtain a business card, a website address, and brochure. If a case manager or discharge planner can't find them by doing a simple internet search, they are probably NOT an ethical treatment center.

Should you choose to go off the reservation for treatment, here are some of the top red flags to look for once you've been admitted into the treatment facility or sober home:

1. Were you in fact admitted? Reputable treatment centers have a formal intake process that includes at least three assessments: screening with an admissions rep, an assessment by a nurse or behavioral health rep, and an assessment with a behavioral health provider or clinician. If you weren't assessed, you're probably not going to get treatment and you're just there to help the "recovery house" earn a check.
2. Are you being given the basic necessities like food, hygiene products and a safe shelter? These are all things that should be included in your care. Unethical providers often times don't provide any of these.
3. You should never be asked for you CIB, SNAP benefits or access to any of your banking information for any reason. Do not sell your information. Unethical providers offer to buy your food stamps in hopes that you'll take the money and keep you trapped in their care.
4. They may offer you money to stay. This is body brokering and it's illegal. If someone offers you money to stay or bring in more patients, they are doing this to collect more money from AHCCCS. Should the government find out about this activity, you may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
5. If zoom meetings are the only services they offer, this is not treatment. An ethical provider will offer a full curriculum of services including group therapy, individual therapy, family counseling, traditional healing, case management, outings and activities.
6. If you can drink at the house or use drugs, you are being taken advantage of.

Call Hopi Behavioral Health at 928-737-6300 and ask for a Case Manger to get help with placement, transportation or to inquire about a facility that you may be interested in.

Original flyer created by Reva Stewart, Navajo Nation.

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

Due to transitions occurring in DHHS the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public. Until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determines roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports will be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni. Hopi Tutuveni will continue republishing this last and latest Covid-19 Report received from DHHS. Although Hopi is still under Pandemic status and there are active COVID cases on Hopi, until the Hopi DHHS provides an update this is the only data Hopi Tutuveni has to report to the Hopi public.

### KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – July 20, 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](http://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](https://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.

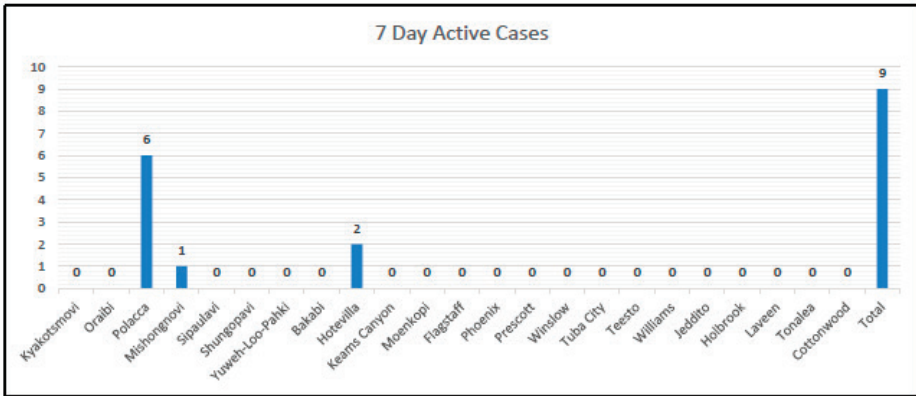
If you checked all three boxes, you are no longer a considered at risk to infect others and can go back to work!



Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response, Cont. (REPUBLISH)

| AS OF AUGUST 26, 2022<br>(Arizona and County Data Updates on Wednesdays) |            |           |        |                 |
|--|------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|
|  | U.S.       | Arizona   | Navajo | Coconino County |
| Cases  | 93,880,573 | 2,245,733 | 43,537 | 49,300          |
| 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%      | 76.2%     | 55.1%  | 67.3%           |

|                                   | COVID-19 Positives<br>Last 14-Days | COVID-19 Positives<br>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<br>ESTIMATE | NUMBER<br>VACCINATED * | PERCENT OF<br>POPULATION<br>VACCINATED | VACCINE<br>RANKING<br>(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<br>8/20 | SUN<br>8/21 | MON<br>8/22 | TUES<br>8/23 | WED<br>8/24 | THURS<br>8/25 | FRI<br>8/26 |
| Kyakotsmovi            |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Orayvi                 |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Polacca                | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1            |             | 1             |             |
| Mishongnovi            | 1           |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Shipaulovi             |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Shungopavi             |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Yuwelt-paki            |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Bacavi                 |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Hotevilla              |             |             |             |              | 1           |               | 1           |
| Keams Canyon           |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Moenkopi               |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Flagstaff              |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Phoenix                |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
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| Tonalea                |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| Cottonwood             |             |             |             |              |             |               |             |
| TOTAL CASES            | 2           | 1           | 2           | 1            | 1           | 1             | 1           |



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AHCCCS is aware of individuals targeting American Indians/Alaskan Natives who reside on tribal reservations by recruiting and transporting them to live in what they are calling sober living homes or behavioral health residential facilities in Phoenix. Some are NOT licensed health care providers who are NOT following through with promised services.

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Buu Van Nygren is sworn in as Navajo Nation president during a ceremony, Jan. 10, 2023 in Fort Defiance, Arizona. Van Nygren is the youngest person elected to the position. (Pauly Denetclaw, ICT)

**Kalle Benallie and Pauly Denetclaw**  
**ICT**

**FORT DEFIANCE, Ariz.** — Before he was sworn in Tuesday afternoon, the new president for one of the largest tribes in the country looked confident, maybe a little nervous.

Buu Van Nygren was wearing his signature outfit, a navy blue suit with a light blue button up and a red coral necklace, as he paced the hallway, located just off the main stage. He shook his arms and shoulders before turning around to walk back up the hallway.

He was minutes from being introduced on stage alongside his wife, former Arizona state representative and attorney, Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren.

Nygren’s name was announced and thousands cheered at the Bee Hóldzil Fighting Scouts Events Center in Fort Defiance, Arizona. He walked out with a wide grin and waved at his constituents.

When he addressed the crowd, Nygren focused on a simple but powerful message that he used during his campaign, “We have one mission, let’s get basic services for the Navajo people,” he said in his inauguration speech. “We need water. We need roads. We need broadband. We need better public safety.”

Many of those who watched the Navajo Nation presidential inauguration had never been to an event like that before, but few said they particularly went to the event because Nygren is making history.

Nygren, at 36, is the youngest Navajo Nation president elected. His vice president, Richelle Montoya, is now also the first female vice president in the tribe’s history.

Nygren selected Richelle Montoya, one of his volunteer campaign workers, to be his vice-president. Nygren heard the Navajo people’s calls for a woman to be selected as vice-president and said this was important to him.

Montoya was previously chapter president of Torreon/Star Lake Chapter in the eastern agency of the Navajo Nation.

Lenell Francisco, Navajo, described the event as “lots of people — traffic was crazy. Gave me a reason to dress up today. I thought everything went well,” she said.

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Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

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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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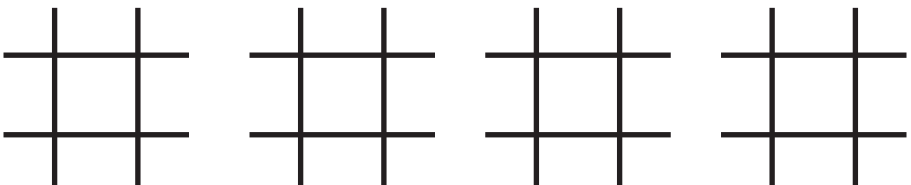


HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

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| <b>HOPi WORDS</b>                 | <b>Kyesmismuyaw</b> - December      | <b>Wiiki'yma</b> - Guide (Singular)  |
| <b>Tuwi'yta</b> - Able (skillful) | <b>Pö'i'yta</b> - Debt (Have)       | <b>Sivaqöppö</b> - Heater            |
| <b>Yuki'at</b> - Accomplishment   | <b>Öqala</b> - Determined           | <b>Hopiiqatsi</b> - Hopi Way of Life |
| <b>Tukopna</b> - Accuse           | <b>Alögö</b> - Different            | <b>Nü'okwa</b> - Kind Hearted        |
| <b>Hintsakpi</b> - Activity       | <b>Hötsiwa</b> - Doorway            | <b>Ngahu</b> - Medicine              |
| <b>Pu'ason</b> - Afterward        | <b>Hiihiko</b> - Drink              | <b>Muytala</b> - Moon Light          |
| <b>Qe'ti</b> - Back out of        | <b>Nan'ip</b> - Each (of two)       | <b>Tömö</b> - Season (Winter)        |
| <b>Novaki</b> - Bakery            | <b>Tutuqayiw</b> - Education        | <b>Nuvati</b> - Snowed               |
| <b>Tuptsiwni</b> - Belief         | <b>Töövü</b> - Ember                | <b>Nawini</b> - Suggestion           |
| <b>Kwusiva</b> - Bring            | <b>Tumal'aya</b> - Employee         | <b>Tsangaw</b> - Thank Goodness      |
| <b>Päato</b> - Burst              | <b>Tunatya</b> - Endeavor           | <b>Kyaamuya</b> - Winter (Solstice)  |
| <b>Pitanakts</b> - Cap/Hat        | <b>Naatsiki</b> - Factionalize      | <b>Hihiiyà</b> - Wow!                |
| <b>Sikiki</b> - Car (Auto)        | <b>Qöppö</b> - Fire place           |                                      |
| <b>Kansulmongwi</b> - Chairman    | <b>Saavu</b> - Fire wood            |                                      |
| <b>Namora</b> - Choice            | <b>Tuuqayta</b> - Fluent            |                                      |
| <b>Iyoho'ti</b> - Cold (Weather)  | <b>Qalaptu</b> - Get Over (Recover) |                                      |

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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## Lack of firewood for home heating continues to trouble Hopi people

**By: Melissa Sevigny, KNAU Newstalk – Arizona Public Radio**

**Flagstaff, Ariz. – January 10, 2023** This is the fourth winter since the Kayenta Coal Mine closed and left Hopi residents without a reliable source of heat for their homes. Many tribal members have switched from coal to wood to keep warm, but the transition hasn't been easy. KNAU's Melissa Sevigny reports, nonprofits have stepped up to help.

When word came of a firewood giveaway in Flagstaff, Matt Honanie woke at 4 am to make the two-hour drive from Hopi and get in line. He and his wife waited for hours, only to be turned away.

"On the drive home, being sad and all," Honanie remembers, "she kind of came up with an idea, why can't we help our own people?... When my wife has an idea, I just got to make it happen for her."

That was the birth of Koho4Hopi, a grassroots nonprofit to supply firewood to Hopi people. It's one of sixty organizations that partners with Wood for Life, a collaborative initiative including the National Forest Foundation and Coconino National Forest designed to pair forest restoration work with tribal firewood needs.



Matthew Honanie pictured above. Photo by: Melissa Sevigny/KNAU

In Kykotsmovi Village, volunteers cut and stack logs that will be sold at a steep discount or given away. "For myself and my wife," Honanie explains, "it's not really working for that money, it's more working for the smiles, the thank you's, the askwali's, the kwah'kwa's."

The pine trees now on the chopping block were killed by recent wildfires. They're huge but Honanie says the wood won't last long. "It's just one of those things where we have to pick and choose

who we give it to... It's hard thing to think about, because a lot of the elders are the ones really suffering," he says.

Elders like Patricia Selestewa, who lives in the village of Hotevilla with her 13 and 14-year-old grandsons. Many homes here don't have electricity, including her own.

"Since I can't burn coal, I have to buy wood, but with limited income, and it costs a lot..." she says. She worries about running out of firewood before this winter is over, "especially if we don't have no trucks or no chainsaws... and my grandsons are too young, I don't think they would be able to use a chainsaw."



Patricia Selestewa heats her home in Hotevilla with a wood-burning stove. Photo by: Melissa Sevigny/KNAU

The woodstove in Selestewa's home was a gift from Red Feather Development Group. The nonprofit has swapped out about sixty outdated coal stoves for EPA-certified wood stoves. It also hires contractors to add insulation and plug up holes.

Alfred Lomahquahu is a program coordinator. He says, "One of the major problems on Hopi is the lack of employment. So a lot of the younger generation are moving off. That leaves a lot of older generation to try to fend for themselves."

Plus, the tribal government lost more than 80 percent of its revenue when Kayenta Coal Mine shut down in 2019. The pandemic hit just months later.

"The services are really declining on what they can do for the people, each village, so that compounds everything," Lomahquahu says. "So now you see a lot more nonprofits stepping up."

Kiera Coughlan, also of Red Feather, says their

work is funded by donations and grants, though she hopes more money will come from the Inflation Reduction Act. "Our dream is like—imagine if we could just do everybody. The hundreds of people we have our wait list. Everybody gets a stove if they don't have electricity, if they do, they get a mini-split," she says.

Mini-split heaters are ideal, since there's no need to chop wood, no risk of chimney fires and no health hazard from breathing in smoke. Red Feather installed 52 mini-splits on the Hopi and Navajo Nations last year, with funding from Arizona Public Service.

Laurel Poleyestewa got one. "I really, really like it," she says. "It's awesome. It's like my prayers were answered, all I have to do is click a button and it gets warm in here."

Poleyestewa used to hang up plastic sheets and hole up in her bedroom to stay warm. Now she doesn't worry her grandkids will be cold when they come to visit. But she says she still feels a bit hopeless. "For a while there, everyone was scrambling, and it just seems like now nobody's thinking about it, and people are still trying to stay warm."

She says many community members and outsiders have stepped in to help, but there's still so few resources and so many people in need.



Laurel Poleyestewa stands beneath her new wall-mounted mini-split heating/AC unit. Photo by: Melissa Sevigny/KNAU



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She voted for Nygren and hopes to see a change happen.

Other attendees were from Nygren’s hometown and wanted to see his success story as it unfolded.

Ada Haskan, Navajo, took note of Nygren’s challenging background. He was born into a single-parent household, raised by a grandmother and had little money.

“I’m very happy for him, really happy,” Haskan said. “He’s like our next-door neighbor, a little way from our home.”

Nygren is an alum of Red Mesa High School which Haskan’s children attended and grandchildren now attend. Her children were classmates with Nygren and told her how he talked about one day being president.

The school is located in the upper northeast of Arizona, just below the Utah state line.

Haskan thinks he will be a good leader.

She was joined by her daughter Vernall Molton, Navajo, who said she’s inspired and humbled by Nygren’s accomplishment at such a young age.

“The way I look at it is like they say when you’re 40 or 50, that’s when you realize life, you understand life,” she said. “He’s young. I say ‘How does that happen?’”

Molton said she’s now interested in what he plans to do in the future and will keep an eye on Navajo Nation politics moving forward.

“I went to school in Red Mesa, and I didn’t think anybody would be somewhere here like this,” she said. “I guess the teachers are doing a good job.”

The Nygren administration’s sole focus is streamlining services and systems for the Navajo people. For instance, in October, he told ICT that he would

revamp information technology on the Navajo Nation to make the high-tech processes more efficient. He also said he wants the Navajo Nation to focus internally, before developing a dependency on the federal government.

“Right now we don’t truly understand the core development issues within the nation if we don’t clean house first,” Nygren said. “In order for us to really, truly understand how the federal government is holding us back, let’s figure out and make ourselves efficient, effective first. Most of the time, it’s internal Navajo Nation laws and internal Navajo Nation policies and procedures that’s holding us back.”

Commission President of the Naschitii Chapter Rhonda Herbert, Navajo, said she thought the ceremony was beautiful and well organized. She worked with him when he was the chief commercial officer at the Navajo Engineering and Constructing Authority and he visited their chapter.

Nygren had previously ran as a vice-presidential candidate alongside Joe Shirley Jr., who was seeking a third term in 2018. The pair lost by a huge margin to Jonathan Nez.

For the last four years, many wondered and even asked Nygren if he would be running for president. He kept the answer close until 2022 when he left his job at the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority to start his campaign.

Herbert said he visited many elders and those who were in need. She said he coordinated scattered water lines and power lines together to provide services to rural homes.

The Navajo Nation is broken into five agencies that contain 110 local government subdivisions, or chapters, that have their own chapter house.

She added that her 14-year-old daughter was very interested in attending the event and feels that stu-

dents, especially high school students, who aren’t into politics may want to follow the political landscape of the Navajo Nation due to Nygren.

Dwyane Francisco, Navajo, didn’t vote for Nygren but attended the inauguration anyway because he wanted to support the new administration.

“I came to support and have respect and see how it goes,” he said.

He grew up in Denver and Texas and voted for the first time for the 2022 presidential election, which was in part due to just being in the area.

He said after attending the inauguration he’ll be more involved in what’s happening on the Navajo Nation.

Nygren announced across his social media his appointments for division directors on Monday:

- Ethel Branch is coming back to serve again as attorney general,
- Micheal Anderson is the division director for the Department of Public Safety,
- Tony Skrelunas, former head of commerce for the Navajo Nation, will lead the Division of Economic Development,
- Justin Ahasteen is the executive director for the Navajo Nation Washington Office
- and Kimberly Yazzie will head the Navajo Department of Health.

“We have chosen a team of executive directors that will carry out the fullest vision of building a more resilient and independent Navajo Nation,” Nygren said in a press release. “I have also committed my support for their immense wealth of institutional knowledge that will allow us to hit the ground running. This is the team that will lead us forward as a Nation.”





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