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Public Service Announcement

Hopi Law Enforcement Services Phone Line Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: LaVaun
Dyer, Police Administrator,
Hopi Law Enforcement Ser-
vices

HLES Alternate number:

928-497-1493

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Janu-
ary 15, 2023 Hopi Law En-
forcement Services continues
to experience issues with the
phone lines.

In some cases, incoming
calls from cellular phones are
not being received or con-
necting.

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

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

Please save and share this
phone number with your
contacts. We apologize for
this inconvenience as we
are working to get this issue
resolved.



Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety Provides Information about Tailgating

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Kevin Dennis, Structure Firefighter - Department Of Public Safety

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 24, 2023 information on tailgating as this has been an everyday sight on our public highways that includes Main Street in Kykotsmovi Village, which is considered residential from HWY 264 and from Route 2 South entrance, from the Hopi Tribal Complex.

Just as a reminder that speed limits in all areas on the reservation are posted for a reason, 25MPH Residential & Local Streets and 15MPH in School Zones and Business Areas. At times there are vehicles that are tailgating and when the slow moving vehicle turns the tailgating vehicle driver slams on their gas paddle.

I see this occurring in the Hopi Tribe parking lot when drivers seem to be trying to get a parking spot which is close to the buildings, or perhaps are coming to work late. The parking spaces and buildings aren't going to move away, so it would be wise to be a cautious driver and remember we as Tribal employees are required to carry a Tribal Driving Authorization Card. This is to ensure safe driving, not just for tribal vehicles but as a reminder to use caution and safety in one's personal operating vehicle, as well.

What is Tailgating in Driving?

In driving, tailgating is defined as following another vehicle too closely. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), about 38,680 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

Why is tailgating dangerous?

Even if you are driving at a slow speed, tailgating other drivers could lead to rear-end accidents and serious injuries. You can't see what's happening in front of the vehicle you're tailing. Most or all vehicles have blind spots, and drivers often cannot see the distance between the vehicles behind them.

If you're following another big vehicle, there's a huge chance for a rear-end collision as larger vehicles need more wiggle room to come to a safe stop. Smaller vehicles might "under ride" if the large vehicle in front suddenly stops.

Why Do People Tailgate?

People tailgate for different reasons. Some may be in a hurry or late for work and feel that following another vehicle closely will put pressure on the driver in front to hurry up.

Others do it out of habit until it becomes an annoying behavior on the road. Then, some do it out of aggression or road rage. Such drivers are a huge danger to everyone on the road. If you're concerned for your safety, pull over and call the police to report unsafe driving activities.

What to Do If Someone Is Tailgating You?

Whether you're driving a car or a commercial truck, you could easily lose control of your vehicle when you follow too closely. The next time you notice a driver trailing too closely, drive defensively. It's a proactive way of ensuring everyone's safety on the road.

Stay calm

The best way to deal with a tailgater is to keep your cool. It's annoying when the driver behind keeps honking the horn or flashing their lights. However, letting your annoyance take the best of you could push the other driver to become aggressive. Avoid brake checking or driving even more slowly to get your point across.

Keep your distance

Maintain a good distance especially when driving on highways and open roads by leaving a buffer zone between vehicles. The AARP suggests following the 3-second rule to ensure that you're following a safe distance. Others say leaving a full truck trailer length of stopping distance for every 10 mph is a good rule of thumb. However, variables like weather and road conditions could affect how soon a vehicle can come to a full stop. The bottom line: Stay away as reasonably far as possible.

Maintain your speed

Speeding to prevent the other vehicle from passing may be tempting. However, a lot of things could go wrong when you do this. For one, the other driver may become aggressive. Another possible scenario is that you could get into an accident if you speed up. Of course, you could also get pulled over for speeding.

Other maximum speed limits established by law include the 25 mph limit on local streets in residential areas and business districts, and the 15 mph limit in School Zones. Even though these speeds are not always posted, all motorists are required to know the basic speed laws.

Pull off the road

Sometimes changing lanes is not possible when you're in a two-lane street. To let the other driver pass, you could look for a nearby parking lot or gasoline station to park momentarily. Avoid using the shoulder or emergency lane to avoid obstructing other vehicles.

Happy travels and let's all be safe out there. Kwa-Kwa.



HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

1st Quarter Session

December 1, 2022

Month of January 2023 AGENDA - Amendment #2

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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13. Action Item #025-2023 – Approval of a Special Use Land Permit for three water wells on the Hart Ranch – the Sunshine, Prosperity and Bluebird Wells – Author/Dale Siquah (Add-on by Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – January 24, 2023)

14. Action Item #023-2023 – Approval of Print Service Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and the Arizona Daily Sun (sole source) – Author/Romalita Laban, Managing Editor, Hopi Tutuveni (Add-on by Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – January 25, 2023)

15. Action Item #024-2023 – Approval to accept Special Diabetes Program for Indians funding in the amount of \$1,131,146.00 and any subsequent years funding that is made available – Author/Elvia Sanchez, Manager, Hopi Wellness Center (Add-on by Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – January 25, 2023)

16. 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

17. a. Letter dated October 6, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Bear Clan Elder/Village Leader, Mishongnovi Village; RE: Musanguuvi 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)

18. 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

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

20. Presentation of Special Master's Report & Hopi Tribe's Objections to Final Report concerning the Little Colorado River (LCR) litigation by Osborn Maledon – Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee Member - **Time Certain January 24, 2023 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

21. Letter dated November 29, 2022 from Bernalda Poleahla Navasie; RE: Letter of Interest for vacant Regular member position and Alternate position on the Hopi Election Board – Dwayne Secakuku, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Interview - **Time Certain January 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

22. Letter dated December 8, 2022 from Rachel Hood, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Deputy Political Director, Arizona Democratic Party; RE: Update on election – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain January 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

23. Letter dated December 16, 2022 from Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; RE: Contact Information for First Mesa

Consolidated Villages – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

24. Letter dated November 30, 2022 from Andrew Gashwazra, Director, Office of Community Planning & Economic Development; RE: Invitation to Hopi Tribal Council for two (2) representatives to serve on the Tawa'ovi Community Development Team (TCDT) – Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

25. Letter dated December 14, 2022 from Mark Talayumtewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee; RE: Pandemic Recovery Committee Work Session – David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

26. Memorandum dated December 30, 2022 from Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary; RE: Request for Support Staff Assistance – Anita Bahnimptewa – David Talayumtewa, Village of Kykotsmovi

27. Presentation by Summit on Flexible Spending Account – David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi - **Time Certain January 25, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. (Add-on January 24, 2023)

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 - **Time Certain January 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

a. Moenkopi 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 - **Time Certain January 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Hopi Department of Transportation Provides Seatbelt Safety Information

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Megan Talahaftewa, Injury Prevention Coordinator – HDOT

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – January 18, 2023 Greetings Hopi Simon, and Happy New Year!

My name is Megan Talahaftewa, and I am the Tribal Injury Prevention Coordinator with the Hopi Department of Transportation.

As we enter a new year, we set new goals for ourselves. It can pertain to family goals, work plan goals, health goals, etc. but have you ever stopped to think about safety goals for yourself and your families?

Do you stop and ensure that everyone buckles up before driving off? Do you and your family know the importance of seat belts?

Seat belts have many purposes to them. For example, seat belts help secure you in position when and if your vehicle begins to skid or spin. In addition, seatbelts play a significant role by allowing the occupant to “ride down” the rapidly changing speed of the vehicle during a crash. If you do not buckle up, your body will continue moving at the same speed as your vehicle after the impact, which can result in ejection that may lead to severe or fatal injuries.

Sadly, studies show drivers and passengers who choose not to buckle up are the leading cause of death in motor vehicle crashes. Despite recent safety features put in your vehicles, seat belts are still your vehicle’s most effective injury prevention devices. Most safety features in your vehicles are designed to work with your seatbelt, not replace them.

As the driver of a vehicle, you are responsible for everyone in your car at the time you are driving. Therefore, it is essential to make sure everyone buckles up before putting your car in drive. Anything can happen at any time, even on the shortest drives. So practice safety with your families when you get into a vehicle, and teach your children to always buckle up.

Drivers or passengers protected by seat belts are at increased risk for fatal injuries if others who ride with them fail to wear their seat belts, so it is important for ALL vehicle occupants to wear their seat belts.

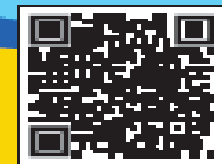
Sovkyawat sinmuy qatsi’at pas hiikya’ta, ovi uma soosoy sinom naavasyani. Uma umuu kwekwewpi akw naa’somyani. “Everyone’s life is precious, let’s all be safe and buckle up!”



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.



New Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp. CEO just wanted to be the best nurse

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Submitted by: George Joe, Creative Copywriter - Office of Communications
TCRHCC**



TUBA CITY, Ariz.- January 11, 2023 When Joette Walters started at the then Tuba City Indian Health Service hospital in 1997 as a new nurse graduate, she never imagined she would become the Chief Executive Officer 25 years later. “My goal was just to be an excellent nurse,” she said.

On Jan. 17 she takes the mantle as CEO from Lynette Bonar for the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, a P.L. 638 health care entity which serves the western region of the Navajo Nation, and includes the Hopi and San Juan Paiute tribes. TCRHCC is a Level III Trauma Center, and has over 1000-employees, which includes about 120 providers, an oncology center and three satellite divisions and clinics across the region. Ms. Bonar who served as Ms. Walter’s mentor for the past five years, is retiring after 20 years at TCRHCC.

“Ms. Walters brings years of experience to TCRHCC as she has been part of the organization before it became a P.L 93-638 Self Governance Tribal Organization in 2002,” said TCRHCC Board President Christopher Curley. “We feel we have made a sound decision to bring someone with experience and background in clinical and leadership. Ms. Walters is from Gray Mountain, near Cameron Arizona, a community south of Tuba City.

“I am truly honored to serve the community, the board, and our TCRHCC staff,” said Ms. Walters. “I believe we have a talented and knowledgeable senior leaders, directors and employees who are vested in our mission. Three notable things that shaped my learning during my mentoring with Lynette (Bonar), was the implementation of our E.H.R, the Pandemic, and the opening of Navajo first Oncology program,” she said. “I believe TCRHCC, as a tribal healthcare organization, has a potential to be a leading healthcare organization in Indian Country,” she said.

Since October 2017, she has served as the Chief Operating Officer. The COO is an executive position, providing executive level support to Executive Team and CEO related to organization operation. Walters is also responsible for the effective delivery of operations both clinical and non-clinical support services, and in compliance with financial, information services, human resources, quality improvement, clinical care, and legal and contracting requirements. In her current role as Associate Executive Officer (AEO), Ms. Walters has worked closely with CEO Bonar in a mentoring capacity. Ms. Walters worked with the CEO in developing competencies in several areas of leadership, finance and budgeting, information systems, quality improvement, facilities and material management, human resources and staff development, and development or enhancement of clinical services.

Ms. Walters said TCRHCC’s strategic plan, guides the organization’s plan and goals. “In my mentoring with our CEO, the foundation of our initiative goes back to the Mission,” she said. “When we consider new services and projects, it is important to evaluate it against our Mission and determine how it adds value to our organization, and is it aligned with our Mission.”

“Each year we develop a strategic plan with our board of directors. That Strategic Plan is aligned with our Mission, Vision, and Values,” Ms. Walters said. “I will continue with those plans in the upcoming year, including several large capital projects.”

These plans include:

- Securing the needed remaining funds for the Long-Term Care Project. “This will allow our elders and families to stay local -- without leaving home -- to have the Skilled Care provided here, and even more important Assisted Living facilities for our Elders,” she said.

- “Housing is a big challenge,” she said. “We have some land near our current Greyhills Housing area, and now we are looking forward to the construction of 48 additional housing units for our TCRHCC staff.

- Continue with planning, design and construction of the Bodaway Gap Health Care Center.

- A new hospital. “Our building is aged, old and if anything, catastrophic, happened to our facility, we risk closing services and our community would have to get healthcare elsewhere,” she said. “This would be devastating for our community.

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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

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

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

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS:

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

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

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION CALCULATOR:

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

SYMPTOMS, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION:

Watch for Symptoms - people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to

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

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

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

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

(GLOSSARY ON PG. 5)

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

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

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

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

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

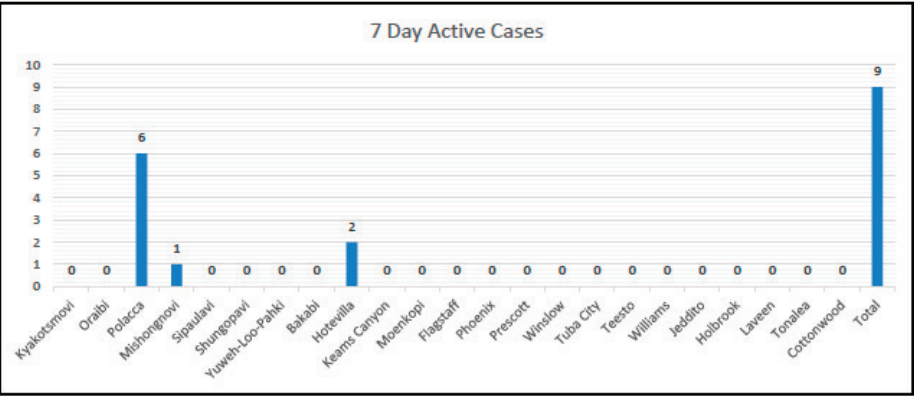
- ☐ It's been at least ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing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

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

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

AS OF AUGUST 26, 2022 (Arizona and County Data Updates on Wednesdays)				
	U.S.	Arizona	Navajo	Coconino County
Cases	93,880,573	2,245,733	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%	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							
Phoenix							
Prescott							
Winslow							
Tuba City							
Teesto							
Jeddito							
Holbrook							
Laveen							
Tonalea							
Cottonwood							
TOTAL CASES	2	1	2	1	1	1	1





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New Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp. CEO just wanted to be the best nurse, contin. from pg. 7...

Internally, within the organization, “we have some important organizational initiatives,” she said. Among a few:

- Reengage our teams to building our Culture of Safety
- Improve our Hospital ‘s HCAPHS scores
- Increase our Recruitment efforts
- Re-establish our Customer Service Programs
- Continue Mentoring opportunities, including training with Leadership Academy and Executive Leadership Program.
- Plus, many projects and programs listed and defined in our Strategic plan.
- “My focus is to raise our efforts to become a 5-star organization, which is a organization-wide effort and will be an overall improvement in our customer service, access to culturally appropriate care, a safe workplace, and improvements in safe and quality care,” Ms. Walters said.

Early on she developed a passion for health care after her father and grandmother succumbed to cancer. “There were many decisions our family had to make as we had to navigate a complex healthcare system,” she recalls. “Like many people in our community, we had to travel long distances to get care, at the same time manage our work and school while caring for our family. It was tough,” she said.

Like many residents on Navajo, Walters grew up with close- knit grandparents and parents, and without electricity or running water. “The challenges of not having these modern conveniences still exist, and affect many of our families, and impact their health”” she said.

She started at Northern Arizona University as an engineering student but then changed her major to nursing and graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Walters also earned a Master of Business Administration/ Masters Science of Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems, from Grand Canyon University.

Ms. Walters is Zuni-Edgewater (Naasht’ezhii T’abaahi), born for One-Who-Walks-Around (Honaghaahnii), her maternal grandfather is Red Bottom (Tlaaschi’i), and paternal grandfather is Honeycombed Rock clan (Tse’jikini).

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Statement from NABS: Indian boarding school survivors give testimony at DOI-run event at Gila River Indian Community
Organization attends event to capture stories for first-of-its-kind archival database

Gila River Indian Community, Ariz. - January 20, 2023 As part of a year-long tour across the country, Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), visited the Gila River Indian Community today to hear from Indian boarding school survivors and their descendants. The O’odham bands were most impacted by Indian boarding schools in the area, which consisted of the Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The DOI will visit the Navajo Nation on Sunday, January 22 for the next stop of its tour. The following quote from Deborah Parker (Tulalip), CEO of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), can be quoted in part or in full.

“NABS is grateful to all the individuals, families, and Tribal leaders who have shared their experiences of abuse, suffering, and attempted genocide because of Indian Boarding School policies. To relive these traumatic experiences should be recognized as not only brave, but as a heroic act. Breaking the silence is not easy, but the time is now to bear our testimony.”

NABS continues to show our support for Secretary Haaland and the DOI as they continue to acknowledge the government’s responsibility in the colonization and assimilation of Native children to ensure the injustices suffered are not forgotten and responsibility of making whole again are in the forefront of the agency’s role.

NABS is doing all we can to ensure that the stories told at these events don’t go unheard. We have attended all of the DOI’s tour events to date in order to capture testimony from boarding school survivors. These stories will be part of an archival database that we will launch in 2023. The database is the first time anyone has compiled pictures, documents, and information in one place from all known Indian boarding schools across the U.S.

Launching this first-of-its-kind database, we know it will take Congress to act in order to know the full story and get all the records pertaining to our Native children. There are a number of educational and religious institutions that still hold historical documentation about Indian boarding schools, but are not required or willing to hand them over. This is why we need the ‘Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies Act’ reintroduced into Congress this year. Indian Country deserves truth, justice, and healing.” For more information contact: Brad Angerman, Communications Director National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition bangerman@nabshc.org or by phone at: 702-218-4490

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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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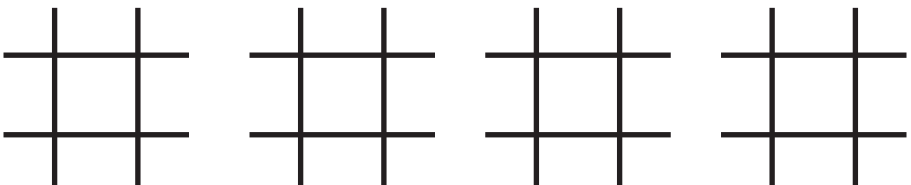


HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

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HOPi WORDS	Kyesmismuyaw - December	Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)
Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)	Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)	Sivaqöppö - Heater
Yuki'at - Accomplishment	Öqala - Determined	Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life
Tukopna - Accuse	Alögö - Different	Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted
Hintsakpi - Activity	Hötsiwa - Doorway	Ngahu - Medicine
Pu'ason - Afterward	Hiihiko - Drink	Muytala - Moon Light
Qe'ti - Back out of	Nan'ip - Each (of two)	Tömö - Season (Winter)
Novaki - Bakery	Tutuqayiw - Education	Nuvati - Snowed
Tuptsiwni - Belief	Töövü - Ember	Nawini - Suggestion
Kwusiva - Bring	Tumal'aya - Employee	Tsangaw - Thank Goodness
Päato - Burst	Tunatya - Endeavor	Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)
Pitanakts - Cap/Hat	Naatsiki - Factionalize	Hihiiyà - Wow!
Sikiki - Car (Auto)	Qöppö - Fire place	
Kansulmongwi - Chairman	Saavu - Fire wood	
Namora - Choice	Tuuqayta - Fluent	
Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)	Qalaptu - 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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Northern Arizona University announces \$10M Seven Generations Signature Initiative to advance Indigenous Peoples-focused scholarship, partnerships and student success

Thanks to a \$5M grant from the Mellon Foundation, matched by \$5M from the Northern Arizona University Foundation, NAU will redouble efforts as a leading institution serving Indigenous Peoples through a portfolio of innovative initiatives.

By: Diane Rechel

Flagstaff, Ariz. – January 25, 2023 Long recognized as one of the nation's foremost institutions serving Indigenous students, Northern Arizona University (NAU) has been awarded a transformational \$5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation, matched by an additional \$5 million investment from the Northern Arizona University Foundation (NAUF), to develop and implement the Seven Generations Signature Initiative (7GSI) over the next three years.

7GSI is composed of a portfolio of initiatives that will build on existing areas of excellence and elevate NAU's impact as one of the nation's leading universities serving Indigenous Peoples. The initiatives in 7GSI include the following:

Elevating Indigenous scholarship

- Indigenous Peoples Open Educational Resources (OER) development: NAU's faculty and national experts will lead the development of a catalogue of Indigenous Peoples-focused courses in a wide range of disciplines that will be accessible to universities and students throughout the country.

- Faculty recruitment and development focused on the scholarship of Indigenous Peoples: NAU will launch an intentional program of early- and mid-career faculty recruitment efforts, with the goal of strengthening and developing the university's community of scholars whose work focuses on Indigenous perspectives and knowledges across academic disciplines.

Strengthening partnerships

- Seven Generations Indigenous Knowledge Center (7Gen Center): A new hub on campus will bring together Indigenous knowledge holders, partners, artists and tribal leaders whose diverse perspectives will enrich and add depth to pedagogy, scholarship and artistic endeavors.

Propelling Indigenous student success

- Indigenous Peoples Living-Learning Community (IPLLC): NAU will serve 150-plus students through an expansion of the IPLLC, cultivating a sense of belonging, building cultural connections and supporting academic success of Indigenous students at NAU.

NAU President José Luis Cruz Rivera reflected on this major gift and the lasting impact it will have on the university and Indigenous Peoples.

"The breadth of this \$10 million Seven Generations Signature Initiative demonstrates how NAU has infused its commitment to Indigenous Peoples into all our work, from leading scholarship and meaningful engagement to student belonging and success," he said. "I am thankful for the support and investment from the Mellon Foundation and the NAU Foundation in making this possible and look forward to the exceptional contributions NAU will make toward delivering on our commitment to be the nation's leading institution serving Indigenous Peoples."

The 7GSI proposal was inspired by NAU's commitment to Indigenous Peoples, which is articulated in NAU's strategic plan, NAU

2025 – Elevating Excellence:

In recognition of the unique sovereign status of Native Nations and the sacred land on which the university was built, NAU will continue its intentional support for Indigenous students, faculty and staff; develop university-wide culturally responsive educational opportunities and programming and build mutually beneficial partnerships with Indigenous communities that will position NAU as the nation's leading university serving Indigenous Peoples.

Ann Marie Chischilly, vice president for Native American Initiatives at NAU, shared her excitement as this work gets underway: "Over the next three years, thanks to the support of our partners at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the NAU Foundation, NAU will launch exceptional programs and initiatives that amplify Indigenous voices and perspectives and contribute to student success. I'm excited to be a part of these efforts that will deliver on the university's commitment to Indigenous Peoples and serve as a model for others throughout the country."

Coupled with the university's recently announced expansion of the Access2Excellence tuition commitment for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes, NAU is ensuring an affordable, enriching and excellent academic experience for all Indigenous students.

"NAU's new and comprehensive initiatives to begin indigenizing curricula across the board as well as to expand its faculty who can teach Native topics is bold, inspiring, and ne-

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Northern Arizona University announces \$10M Seven Generations Signature Initiative to advance Indigenous Peoples-focused scholarship, partnerships and student success, continued...

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-cessary,” said Armando Bengochea, senior program officer for higher learning at Mellon. “It is an institution increasingly primed for making great impacts on Native communities and Native knowledge.”

“NAU is doing incredible work to truly be a home-away-from-home for Indigenous students in Arizona and beyond,” said Lena Fowler, chair of Northern Arizona University’s Native American Advisory Board. “With the Seven Generations Signature Initiative, that work is being elevated. I know more Indigenous students will see the welcoming and supportive environment at NAU as the place to pursue their dreams of higher education.”

“The NAU Foundation Board is thrilled to support the Seven Generations Signature Initiative at NAU,” said Dave Franke, chair of the institutionally affiliated board of directors. “We are inspired by President Cruz Rivera’s clear vision for NAU that builds on the university’s historic strengths, including its longstanding support of Indigenous communities and students, and the Foundation Board is proud to strategically utilize our prudent investments to amplify the impact of the Mel-

lon Foundation’s contribution and power this important initiative that will positively impact so many students and scholars at NAU.”

The work of the Seven Generations Signature Initiative (7GSI) will begin spring 2023 at NAU.

NAU Land Acknowledgement: Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.

About Northern Arizona University
Founded in 1899, Northern Arizona University is a community-engaged, high-research university that delivers an exceptional student-centered experience to its nearly 28,000 students in Flagstaff, at 22 statewide campuses, and online. Building on a 123-year history of distinctive excellence, NAU aims to be the nation’s preeminent engine of opportunity, vehicle of economic mobility, and driver of social impact by delivering equitable postsecondary value in Arizona and beyond. NAU is committed to meeting talent with access and

excellence through its impactful academic programs and enriching experiences, paving the way to a better future for the diverse students it serves and the communities they represent.

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Weatherization Assistance program

No-cost, energy-efficient home improvements

APS customers who own a home on Navajo or Hopi tribal land may be eligible for no-cost, energy-efficient home improvements that could help lower your energy bill, including:

- Air sealing
- Improved insulation
- Heating, cooling and air quality

The energy-efficient improvements are made through Red Feather Development Group. To learn more and see if you qualify, call Red Feather at **928-440-5119**.



More ways to save on your energy bill

Our Energy Support program offers qualified customers a 25% discount on their energy bill every month. To see if you qualify and find other assistance resources, visit aps.com/assistance.

