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Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety Provides Updated Stove and Fire Place Safety Reminders

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – February 7, 2023 and as temperatures fall and you spend more time indoors in front of the wood stove or fireplace, the last thing you want to think about is the condition of your chimney. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage or destroy homes and injure people.

Cold Weather Reminders - Before lighting a fire, make sure it is safe to do so. Be fire smart. Home fires occur more often in winter than in any other season. The chimney and the flue that lines it are there to carry dangerous gases from the fireplace or wood stove safely out of the home.

Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure to inspect your solid fuel venting system annually, and sweep, do repairs whenever needed. Your sweep may have specific maintenance recommendations depending on how you use your fireplace or stove.

What do chimneys do?

Fireplaces and wood stoves are designed to contain wood-fuel fires while providing heat for a home. Chimneys expel the by-products of combustion that include smoke, water vapor, gases, unburned wood particles, hydrocarbon, tar fog and assorted minerals. As these substances leave the fireplace or wood stove, and flow up into the relatively cooler chimney, condensation occurs. The resulting residue that sticks to the inner walls of the chimney is called creosote.

What is creosote?

Creosote is a black or brown residue that can be crusty and flaky—tar-like, drippy and sticky—or shiny and hardened. All forms are highly combustible. If it builds up in sufficient quantities, and the internal flue temperature is high enough, the result could be a chimney fire.

Conditions that cause the buildup of creosote - Restricted air supply and

unseasoned wood encourage the buildup of creosote.

Tips to avoid that buildup, include:

- Do not restrict the air supply by closing the glass doors.
- Do not fail to open the damper wide enough. The longer the smoke is in the flue, the more likely it is that creosote will form.
- Do not close down the stove damper or air inlets on a wood stove too soon or too much.
- Do not burn unseasoned wood - So much energy is used initially just to drive off the water trapped in the cells of the logs that it keeps the resulting smoke cooler than if seasoned wood is used.

In the case of wood stoves, overloading the firebox with wood in an attempt to get a longer burn time also contributes to creosote buildup.

Always Extinguish the Fire before
Going to Bed or Leaving the House

Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Each year, more than 3,000 people in the United States die in house fires, and over 150 people perish from carbon monoxide poisoning related to residential heating appliances. If you use a wood burning stove or a fireplace, you should install a carbon monoxide detector. This life-saving device may be the only warning of rising levels of this odorless and poisonous gas.

Test Smoke Detectors Twice a Year

You should install smoke detectors in the same room as your wood stove or fireplace, and also in the hallways and bedrooms. They should be tested at least twice per year to ensure they are always in a proper working condition. You should also teach your family what they need to do in case of a fire.

Space Heaters

Do NOT plug space heaters into power strips or extension cords.

Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet.

Power strips and extension cords are not designed to handle the high current flow required by a space heater and can overheat causing a fire.

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Instability of Rock Structure at First Mesa Consolidated Villages

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Louella N. Furcap

First Mesa, Ariz. - February 2, 2023 Cracks along the southeast edge of the mesa extending from Walpi to Sichomovi and on to Tewa have become more noticeable over the last several months. There is evidence they may be shifting more than usual and new cracks may be forming along this edge also. Shifting may be due to several factors; rain, snow and possible leaks along the water and sewer lines causing saturation of the clay layer which lies directly beneath the rock surface.

The rockslide visible at the bottom ledge (tuuwi) next to the Tewa Village trail, may be attributable to the old water tank that leaked for years before it was replaced. Additionally, at the time the mesa road was being constructed/paved, large boulders were loosened which may be causing loose rocks to fall onto the road during rainstorms. Boulders above the gap seem to be the most vulnerable to fail, therefore, could be an immediate risk to the public safety, additionally, immediately outside the Komalestewa’s residence, the water trench is widening and sinking. Asphalt and other material placed into the trench have dropped below the natural level of the roadway.

The mesa is composed of sandstone with layers of clay shale between the rock. Sandstone is vulnerable to deterioration meaning it will fall apart over time more quickly than other hard rocks, moisture may accelerate deterioration.

Throughout the years, weight from homes, other structures and now, everyday vehicle traffic may be producing higher levels of vibration therefore increasing the possibility of destabilizing the rock foundation. This all adds to the already daily shifting of the ground. The use of special instruments will now measure the ground vibrations from vehicles, especially large school buses. The use of a sound monitor will

locate any water leaks in the mesa system.

Currently our respective Village Offices, Hopi Department of Transportation, Hopi Department of Public Safety, Hopi Emergency Team, Hopi Law Enforcement and First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives are jointly meeting to determine the extent of the mesa instability and immediately establish safety protocols with expert assessments. Staff are assigned tasks along with consultation from experienced village members. Important are the studies by experts in the specialized fields of studies in geology. Keep in mind, specialized assessments must be conducted by qualified individuals i.e., geologists and other specialized fields as deemed necessary.

Based on the studies with recommendations, our Kikmongwi and Religious Leaders will approve rules to control vehicle traffic to mitigate, as much as possible, destabilization of the mesa. Of critical importance is the safety of our village members and visitors, especially now that we are engaged in our winter ceremonies. First, will be limiting vehicles and parking of vehicles. HDOT will place traffic regulatory signs to be strictly enforced by the Hopi Law Enforcement. The approval by our Village Leader for the mesa rights-of-way extends around Sichomovi and places the authority for regulating traffic to the Hopi Department of Transportation and the Hopi Law Enforcement. Other restrictions will be determined as our studies continue.

Your understanding and cooperation are requested to minimize potential dangers. It is hopeful that with all our cooperation other strict regulations will not be considered.

For further information, call (928) 737-2670.

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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

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation to continue enforcing mask mandate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Tuba City, Ariz. - January 30, 2023 Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) will continue to enforce its mask mandate at all TCRHCC health care locations across the Western region of the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan-Paiute reservations.

On January 20, 2023 the Navajo Nation announced a lifting of the mask mandate across the reservation, with four exceptions: health care facilities, schools, nursing homes, and for those individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19, or who have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

“The Navajo Nation continues to require masks at healthcare facilities across Navajo Nation due to the number of high-risk patients that visit the hospital and clinics,” said Dr. Amanda Burrage, Pediatrician, and member of the Epidemiology Response Team. “Health care facilities regularly see patients with possible COVID symptoms. Masks help prevent all respiratory viruses -- not just COVID -- and help keep health-care workers and patients healthy and safe. TCRHCC continues to support and enforce the mask mandate at all of our healthcare facilities.”

TCRHCC health care officials explained official numbers for COVID are an undercount because our community has good access to home test kits for COVID. “Many patients are choosing to test with home test kits, which is a great way to test quickly, easily and repeatedly after a COVID exposure or new symptoms,” said Dr. Burrage. “If a home test is positive, patients call the COVID hotline to report the positive result and be connected to a provider for possible COVID treatment pills.”

Recently, there have been fewer COVID cases. “For TCRHCC we have had less than 20 cases detected by hospital testing for the past two weeks,” said Dr. Burrage. “So far this week (ending January 27, 2023) we have had 12 cases detected by hospital tests, and 24 additional cases detected by home tests.” She continued, “We believe this increase in cases is related to some recent large gatherings.”

She said the Navajo Nation is also reporting low numbers with 53 cases last week through hospital testing. This number also does not include people that test positive on home tests.

“Most people who test positive are doing okay with the current COVID variants that are circulating, thanks to vaccination and prior infection,” Dr. Burrage said. “We still strongly encourage people to make sure they are up to date on their COVID vaccines, including the updated booster that we started offering in September 2022. The updated booster is recommended for everyone six months and older.

COVID vaccination is still available in the drive-up vaccine clinic near the entrance of the TCRHCC campus from Monday to Friday 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Flu vaccines and COVID testing are also available as drive-up services during these same hours.

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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.



**Hopi Tutuveni
wishes all on Hopi
very LOVELY month
of February!**

Indian Wells-Based Drug Dealer Who Distributed Methamphetamine on the Hopi Reservation Pleads Guilty

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by Yvette Cantu, Public Affairs US DOJ

Phoenix, Ariz. – Wednesday, February 8, 2023 Last week, Vanessa Rene Dundon (a.k.a. Sioux Z, a.k.a. Suzie Q), 38, of Indian Wells, Arizona pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. Sentencing is scheduled for April 18, 2023 before United States District Judge Diane J. Humetewa.

Dundon was stopped in her vehicle on the Hopi Reservation in April 2021, March 2022, and April 2022. On each occasion she had controlled substances in her vehicle. At the change of plea hearing, Dundon admitted that on April 17, 2022, she possessed 58.4 grams of pure methamphetamine and that she intended to deliver it to other individuals in exchange for payment.

A conviction for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000,000, or both.

The Phoenix Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Hopi Law Enforcement Services conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant United States Attorneys in the Violent Crime Section, District of Arizona, Phoenix, are handling the prosecution.

CASE NUMBER: CR-22-08043-PCT-DJH
RELEASE NUMBER: 2023-013_Dundon

For more information on the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/az/>

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February is National Marijuana Awareness Month

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Kristie Kewenvoyouma, HSAPC mentor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – February 2, 2023 The month of February is Marijuana Awareness month, this campaign was created to inform the public of the harmful and negatives effects of Marijuana. The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) would like to bring awareness to our communities regarding the use of marijuana and the negative impacts it has on our health and mental well-being.

Cannabis (Marijuana) is native to Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. During the Neolithic age, it was used to make fabric and rope in China and Japan. The oldest archeological evidence of the burning of cannabis was dated back to 3500 B.C. It is also assumed to have been utilized in ritual ceremonies during the Chalcolithic period. Later it would be introduced to the new world from 1530 to 1545 by the Spaniards. It would eventually be criminalized at the start of the 19th century with the United States restricting sales in 1906. However, in 2018, legalization for medicinal and recreational use began in the U.S. (National Today, “History of Marijuana Awareness Month.” Accessed January 27, 2023)

According to the CDC, marijuana is the most commonly used illegal drug in the United States. One study estimated that about 3 in 10 people who use marijuana have marijuana use disorder and with the legalization in some states across the country, it is leading to an increase in addiction. (CDC, updated April 13, 2022) There are various ways that marijuana can be consumed, up until recent years, most users smoked the dried marijuana flowers. However, with the introduction of cannabis concentrates, it is now being utilized through vaping and dabbing, as well as in edible form. With the high THC content in concentrates and edibles, large amounts can be delivered to the body at once; which increases the risk of addiction and has been known to produce anxiety, agitation, paranoia, and psychosis. Besides the effects on mental and cognitive development, it has been shown to affect the respiratory system, resulting in higher risk of chest infections and more acute respiratory issues. The long-term effects are still being researched, not to mention the contaminants that are found in concentrates, including butane and pesticides (NIDA, 2020, June 25. Cannabis (Marijuana) Concentrates Drug facts)

- Do you or someone you know utilize marijuana in any form?
- Do you think it has negatively affected your life?
- Do you want to stop, but don’t know where to start?
- What can you do today to start your healing?

Some of the ways you can begin your healing are to:

- Change your environment to avoid triggers, this includes people and places
- Start exercising, daily exercise has been shown to reduce cravings and heal the parts of the brain that are affected
- Plan sober activities
- Find people that support you

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 SAMSHA), the HSAPC mentors have the training and strategies in our services to help you work through the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing journey. Our mentors provide one-on-one mentoring services for youth and adults and in addition offer Life Skills classes, community presentations, preventative programs for our local schools, and cognitive restructuring for your journey to recovery. As a project of The Hopi Foundation non-profit organization, all of our services are free to the community. When you are ready you may reach out to our HSAPC mentors at 928-734-0300. For additional services you may also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment.

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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.

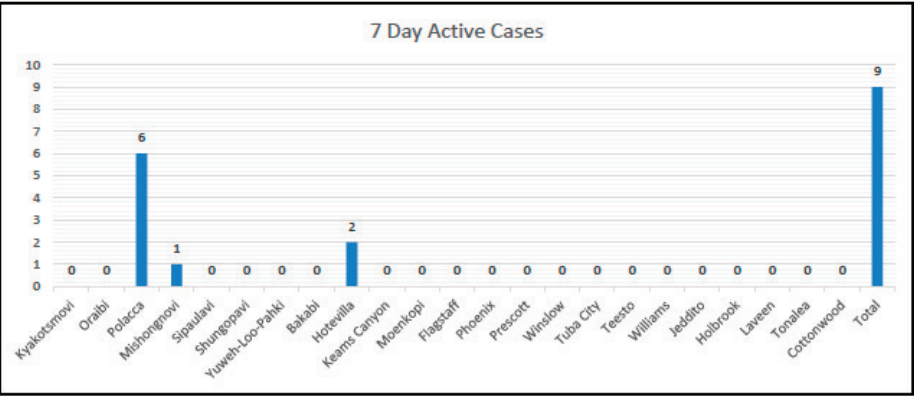
- ☐ It's been at least ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing 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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Former TCRHCC CEO Bonar being recognized tonight by The White House for work in establishing cancer center at Tuba City

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Tuba City, Ariz. — February 7, 2023 Former Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation CEO Lynette Bonar, who retired in mid-January, has been invited by the White House to sit alongside First Lady Jill Biden in the viewing box for President Biden’s State of the Union tonight at 9 pm (ET).

Ms. Bonar will be among 20 special guests which includes rock star Bono, from the band U2.

The White House’s press release states, “Each of these individuals were invited by the White House because they personify issues or themes to be addressed by the President in his speech, or they embody the Biden-Harris Administration’s policies at work for the American people. The Second Gentleman, Mr. Douglas Emhoff, will also join the First Lady in the viewing box.”

According to the release, Ms. Bonar will be recognized for her pioneering work in establishing the first cancer center on the Navajo Nation in Tuba City, Ariz.

In an email to TCRHCC staff this afternoon, CEO Joette Walters said, “I am excited to share with you that our former CEO Ms. Lynette Bonar will be an honored guest of Dr. Biden at the State of the Union address,” she said. “Ms. Bonar moved ‘mountains’ to improve care for our community - her invitation to the White House is a recognition well deserved.”

The White House press release states:

“Bonar is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She was a sergeant and former medic in the U.S. Army. She spent 19 years providing clinical care as a Registered Nurse and Executive at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, including eight years as Chief Executive Officer. In 2019, Dr. Biden joined Bonar to celebrate the opening of the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation’s Specialty Care Center which was the first cancer center opened on a Native American reservation, bringing cancer treatment and other oncology services to the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan Southern Paiute tribal members who previously had to travel great distances to receive care.”

Ms. Bonar said, “I am truly honored to have been the CEO of a Title V Tribal PL 93-638 Indian Self Determination Health Care Organization, which allowed TCRHCC to extend lives and/or improve the quality of life of our oncology patients.”

The State of the Union can be watched live here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/blog/2023/02/04/how-to-watch-president-bidens-2023-state-of-the-union-address/>

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is a 73-bed regional referral medical center in Tuba City, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. TCHRC service area is 6,000 square miles and covers the western region of the Navajo and Hopi Nation. TCRHCC has received the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval and accreditation, the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

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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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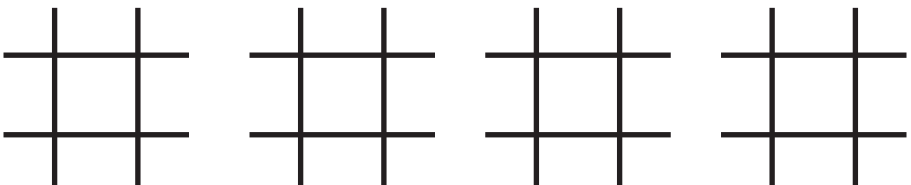


HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

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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.

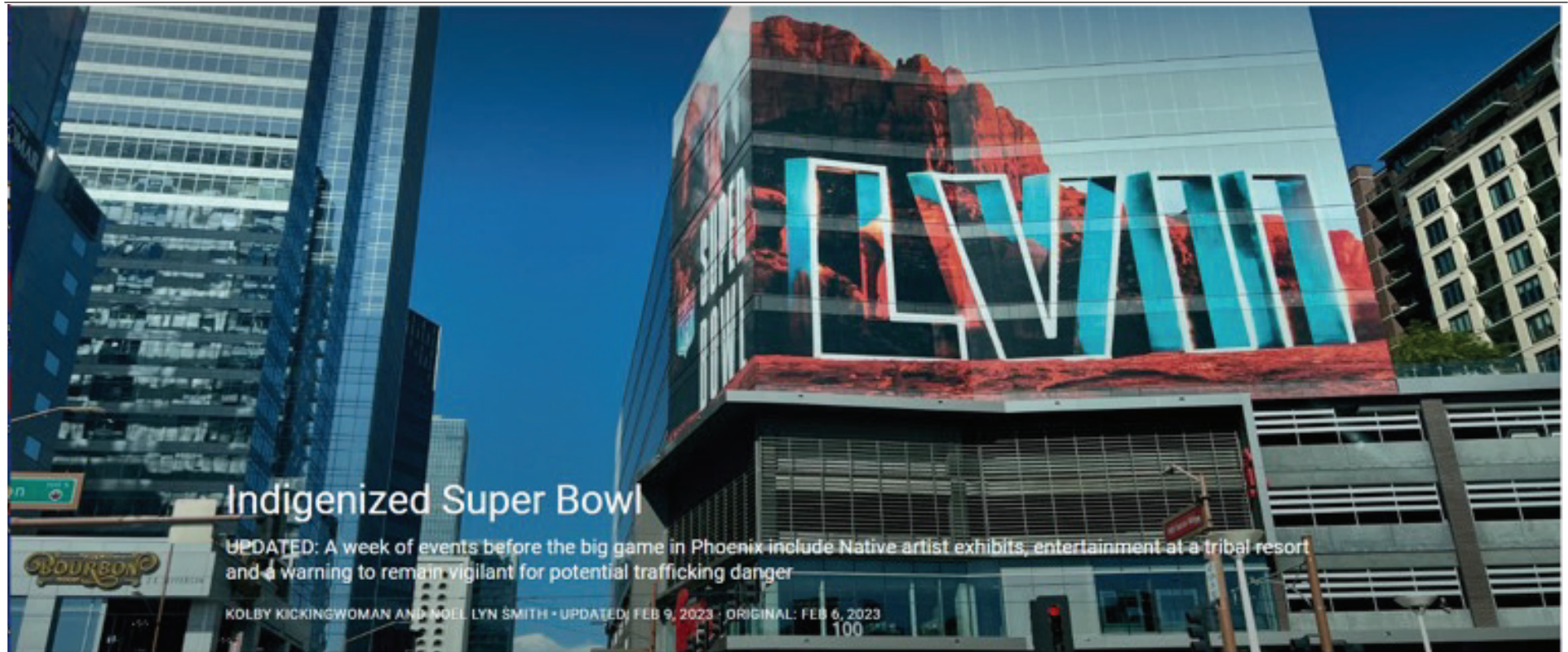
Of course, we have several groups who educate the community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and I applaud them for that. At least they are trying to make a change for our Hopi people. But, when you have just a simple group trying to make a change, it is not enough to make a dent, but they try, 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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By: Kolby KickingWoman and Noel Lyn Smith ICT

The biggest game in American sports is set and Super Bowl week is upon us.

This week in the Phoenix metropolitan area all sorts of festivities will be taking place celebrating and building up the game that will take place in State Farm Stadium on Sunday between the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs.

The game features at least two Native athletes, both of whom play for Kansas City. Center Creed Humphrey, Potawatomi and long snapper James Winchester, Choctaw. If Kansas City wins, it will be the second straight year a Native player has won the big game.

Walker River Paiute citizen Austin Corbett won it with the Rams in 2022.

On the field but playing a different role in the game is Jerod Phillips, Cherokee.

Phillips is part of the officiating crew which will be led by Carl Cheffers, the white-hat leader of the crew who fans at the game and watching around the world will hear and see announcing penalties as they occur.

In his specific role, Phillips will serve as the down judge. This referee is positioned on the line of scrimmage watching for penalties relating to lineman and wide receivers, along with other duties.

It is believed that Phillips is the first Cherokee Nation citizen to referee in a Super Bowl.

While there are plenty of storylines for this year's

game, there is also plenty going on before any play is run.

For the first time, an Indigenous artist's work will be featured on the game tickets, as well as other displays and a Super Bowl mural in downtown Phoenix.

The marquee artist Lucinda Hinojos is Mexican-American as well as Pascua Yaqui, Chiricahua Apache, White Mountain Apache, and Pima.

In a statement from the league, Marissa Solis, the NFL's senior vice president of global brand and consumer marketing, said Hinojos was the "perfect partner for this project."

"She is a gifted artist, a football mom and a woman," Solis said. "We are so thrilled to use the Super Bowl as a platform to showcase her beautiful artwork and by extension, spotlight the local communities integral to Arizona."

Also for this year's game, the National Football League has highlighted a number of Indigenous artists to celebrate "the fabric of the city by highlighting four unique designers at the intersection of fashion and community to create artfully designed Super Bowl merchandise," the website states.

In its second year, "Origins: An NFL Collection" is a grassroots merchandise collaboration program that aims to highlight artists in cities where the NFL hosts its biggest events.

One of the four artists/brands selected was OXDX, an Indigenous fashion label that brings Indigenous stories to the forefront. Founder Jared Yazzie, Diné, said on the "ICT Newscast with Aliyah Chavez" that he was contacted by the league last summer after being recom-

mended by a company that took part in the program for last year's Super Bowl in Los Angeles.

"We were very happy that we got noticed on that level. These LA brands are really big and they're surrounded by streetwear people from everywhere and it's a blessing to kind of be noticed by them," Yazzie said. "So we're trying to show out for Native people, we're trying to show out for Arizona."

OXDX will have a number of shirts, a hoodie, water bottle and some magnets to commemorate the game. Elias Jade Not Afraid, Apsaalooké, is also a featured artist. The merchandise will be revealed to the public on Wednesday and available to purchase soon after.

Super Bowl back in the desert

This is the fourth time Phoenix is hosting the Super Bowl, with the last time occurring in 2015.

Naturally, with an event as big as the Super Bowl, the city can expect a large influx of people for the week.

According to Front Office Sports, the big game in 2015 brought "more than 121,000 visitors to the Phoenix area and brought in around \$720 million in economic impact."

That number may be larger this year as another big event is being held in the Phoenix area this weekend, the Professional Golfers Association is hosting the Waste Management Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale.

Annually one of the tour's best-attended tournaments, TPC Scottsdale's website says more than 700,000 people attend the event over the four days.

The Philadelphia Eagles are staying on Native land this week.

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The Eagles are staying at the Sheraton Grand resort in the Gila River Indian Community southeast of Phoenix, about 20 miles from downtown.

Area tribal leaders were on hand at the airport Sunday when both teams arrived. Leaders from the Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Ak-Chin Indian Community greeted players.

Tribal casinos in the Phoenix valley are also hosting events.

Desert Diamond Casino West Valley is closest to State Farm Stadium and is owned by the Tohono O’odham Nation. It’s hosting a watch party on Sunday.

Across the valley to the east in Salt River is a weekend celebration with entertainers and former pro athletes at Talking Stick Resort.

Also in Salt River, Nike N7 Sports is hosting a youth football camp on Friday. The Notah Begay III Foundation, First Tee – Phoenix and US Sports Camps will provide sport and educational opportunities for local Indigenous youth.

Staying on alert

Advocates throughout the city are also staying wary of potential threats to local residents, in particular those susceptible to human trafficking. An anti-human trafficking organization is raising awareness about the crime and how to report the activity as events surrounding the Super Bowl start in Phoenix.

It’s A Penalty is an organization working to end abuse, exploitation and human trafficking worldwide. Part of its work is conducting awareness campaigns

during major sporting events like the Super Bowl, the World Cup and the Olympic games.

“Human trafficking is the fastest growing, second largest illegal industry in the world and no country or city is exempt,” Sarah de Carvalho, the organization’s founder and CEO, said at the Jan. 25 event to launch the campaign in Phoenix.

Educating the public about human trafficking is part of the solution, she said.

The organization has partnered with hotels and airlines to spread the message to people traveling to Phoenix as well as how to report activities to law enforcement.

Human trafficking is not limited to urban areas, the issue impacts tribal communities as well.

Mary Kim Titla, San Carlos Apache, is executive director of United National Indian Tribal Youth Inc., a national nonprofit based in Mesa, Arizona.

UNITY’s mission is to empower Indigenous youth through personal development, citizenship and leadership by way of various programs.

Titla told audience members at the event that Indigenous people makeup 1.1 percent of the population in the United States but account for nearly 25 percent of human trafficking victims.

“Indigenous women and girls are the least recognized and protected population,” she said.

A hindrance to tribes in addressing crimes like sex trafficking are federal laws that prohibit tribal authorities from prosecuting non-Native offenders, Titla added.

“For Indigenous people, there is a strong connection between colonization and the persistent targeting of Native people. Sexual stereotypes that were used to justify colonizing treatment persist today,” Titla said.

Human trafficking happens each day and it does not discriminate by race, gender or socioeconomic status – it impacts every community, said Amy Love, chief of staff for Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes.

In Arizona, the average age of sex trafficking victims is ages 13-15, she said.

“Let’s be clear, the Super Bowl ends, but the problem does not. We must work 24/7, 365 days a year to combat this crime statewide, and if you see something, say something,” Love said.

Navajo to sing before game, and protest against Kansas City

Before Sunday’s game begins, Colin Denny, Navajo, is going to be on stage during the singing of “America the Beautiful,” signing the song using both American Sign Language and North American Indian Sign Language.

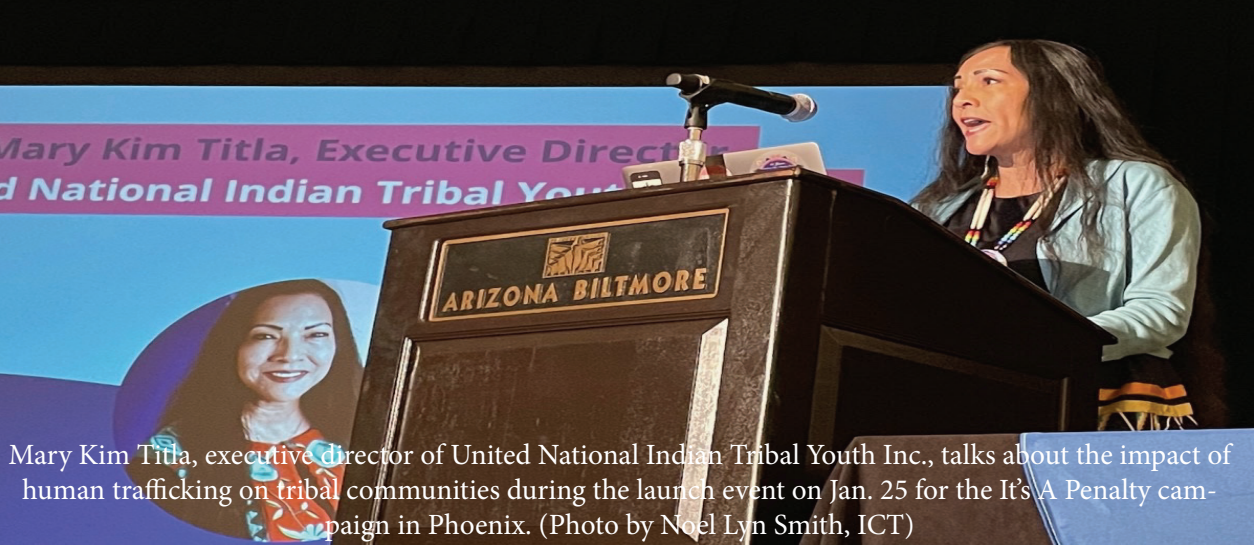
Growing up deaf, Denny hopes his performance will inspire others and shine awareness on North American Indian Sign Language.

““I just want to be able to inspire and empower those who are on their own to look around and see that there are other people out there who are just like them, and to not feel so isolated or lonely,” Denny said, signing through an American Sign Language interpreter in a press release from the University of Arizona. “I want them to see me on that stage and see that I’m representing them.”

Also before the game, Arizona to Rally Against Native Mascots is protesting against the Kansas City mascot outside the stadium.

A march is planned at 2 p.m. near the stadium in Glendale.

Kick-off on Sunday is at 6:30 p.m. ET on FOX.



Mary Kim Titla, executive director of United National Indian Tribal Youth Inc., talks about the impact of human trafficking on tribal communities during the launch event on Jan. 25 for the It’s A Penalty campaign in Phoenix. (Photo by Noel Lyn Smith, ICT)



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