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**Submitted by: Ivan Morales,
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The winners for this divisions are:
2023 Heard Hoop Dance Contest

Champion – Scott Siquah (Gila River, Pima, Hopi-Tewa, Cherokee, Choctaw)

Second place – Talon Duncan (San Carlos Apache, Arikara-Hidatsa-Mandan)

Third place – Tony Duncan (San Carlos Apache, Arikara-Hidatsa-Mandan)

Fourth place – Josiah Enriquez (Pueblo of Pojoaque, Isleta, Navajo)

Fifth place – Eric Hernandez (Lumbee Tribe)

Sixth place – Sampson Siquah (Gila River, Hopi-Tewa, Cherokee, Choctaw)

Hopi Behavioral Health Services Presents:

"HUMOR-HEALING"

James Jones



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2023 Heard Hoop Dance Contest Senior Champion – Moontee Siquah (Hopi-Tewa, Choctaw)

Second place – Terry Goedel (Yakama, Tulalip)

Third place – Jerry (J.J.) First Charger

2023 Heard Hoop Dance Contest Teen Champion – Mateo Ulibarri (Pueblo of Pojoaque)

Second place – Jerry Hunt (Diné)

Third place – Jerrhan First Charger (Blood Tribe)

2023 Heard Hoop Dance Contest Youth Champion – Naiche Duncan (Cree, Taino, Apache, MHA Nations)

Second place – Jai’Po Harvier (Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Clara Pueblo, Taos Pueblo, Tohono O’Odham Nation)

Third place – Isaiah George (Santa Clara Pueblo)

“The Heard is honored to be the home of the World Championship Hoop Dance Contest, a tradition that now spans four decades,” said David M. Roche, Dickey Family Director and Heard Museum CEO. “We deeply appreciate the dancers who thrill visitors with their artistry and athleticism.”

The art of hoop dance honors cultural practices shared by multiple Indigenous communities. With roots in healing ceremonies, traditions and practices, today’s hoop dance is shared as an artistic expression to honor Indigenous traditions throughout the U.S. and Canada. The annual event was sponsored by was sponsored by Arizona Republic Service, Union Pacific, the Richard O. Kern Fund, the Jay Kahn Memorial Fund, Mary Ellen McKee, Mary Jo & Ted Shen, and Renewal by Andersen.

For further information and questions, contact: Ivana Morales at phone: 973-864-4523 or email: ivana@evolveprandmarketing.com

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About the Heard -Since its founding in 1929, the Heard Museum, a private non-profit organization, has grown in size and stature to become recognized internationally for the quality of its collections, world class exhibitions, educational programming and unmatched festivals. Dedicated to the advancement of American Indian art, the Heard successfully presents the stories of American Indian people from a first-person perspective as well as exhibitions that showcase the beauty and vitality of traditional and contemporary art. The Heard Museum is supported, in part, by the generosity of Heard Museum members and donors, the Arizona Commission on the Arts, and the City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture. In association with the Smithsonian, the Heard Museum is part of a select group of museums and cultural, educational and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian’s resources with the nation. For more information, please visit heard.org.



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

Meet the 12 Native entrepreneurs building their own path

A new year, a new cohort of Indigenous entrepreneurs who want to change how business is done

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: **Change Labs**

Tuba City, Ariz. - February 21, 2023 “What I’m trying to create is an Indigenous standard to how we do everything,” says Ira Vandever, founder of Turquoise Indigo Fibers. “An Indigenous standard means that we use as little electricity as possible, as little water as possible. The carbon footprint is very low.” Inspired by his grandmother, Bessie Vandever, Ira applied to the Incubator to get support with consolidating his ventures and to connect with other Native entrepreneurs on the same path as him.

Ira is joined by Marco Arviso, Sasha Begay, Albert Haskie, Delphina Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Deedra Dallas, Roddell Denetso, Sahar Khadjenoury, Mackenzi Navenma, Shaina Roanhorse, and Leander Thomas. All of whom are bringing their ideas around strengthening language preservation, improving childcare, bolstering the creative economy, and more to their Navajo and Hopi communities.

“I am immensely proud of the caliber of ideas represented in this new cohort

of Native business owners,” says Ceceilia Tso, Director of Business Incubation for Change Labs. “We are always on the lookout for strong business owners who are up for solving problems and building our tribal economy by providing critical services and products for Navajo and Hopi Nation.”

Albert Haskie, creator of Nyzhon Studios, describes his business as a developer start-up working to create an innovative way to blend the Navajo language and cultural teachings with technology.

He started the business a year ago in Lukachukai, Arizona, a rural town on the Navajo Nation with two of his high school classmates.

“I’ve always seen the need for next generation technology and new ways to lead our people into teaching our own language and culture through technology,” he said.

Haskie’s target audience is a younger generation of Navajos and he plans to offer his program on an app that would be accessible by phone or computer.

Through his program, he wants to offer an online Navajo dictionary, Navajo language learning videos, as well as a game to help

people figure out what clan they are and if they are related to other Navajos on the app.

“I’ve always been fascinated in learning the language myself, I’ve always found challenges along the way with there not being as much resources available. I just want to provide that service to people who are on that same journey of learning the language,” Haskie said.

Through the cohort program, Haskie hopes to build a stronger foundation for his business and to be able to provide excellent service to his customers. When he decided to take on the task of creating his own business, he did it hoping that he could be a role model.

“We really want to incorporate our teachings into this app. We’re not trying to make money or try to pollute you with this application. We’re trying to have you find someone at the end of the day,” he said. “We’re incorporating our Navajo teachings into everything we do. Coding, programming, application, even customer service.”

While Haskie works to bring the Navajo language and technology together, another entrepreneur is working on sharing the



Albert Haskie



Deedra Dallas



Delphina Begay



Ira Vandever

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Sasha Begay



Shania Roanhorse

...Navajo culture through her art.

Sasha Begay, the owner of Twin Warrior Designs located in Sweetwater, Arizona, specializes in mugs and creating them with Navajo scenery, stories and phrases.

"I've always been interested in art. I grew up with a lot of artists in my family and I've been taking art classes since elementary," she said.

The biggest challenge for Begay is finding a design and getting designs to fit on the mugs. She's wasted a few mugs figuring out how to make the design work but it's pushed her creativity, she said.

"In the beginning, my goal was to incorporate the Diné language. So, I used common coffee quotes and translated that into Navajo but I still felt that there was something missing and I wasn't approaching my idea the way I wanted to," she said.

After some research, she decided to expand from the common coffee quotes to Navajo Coyote Stories. She wanted to tap into a part of Navajo culture that she enjoyed but wasn't seeing.

"That's when I knew the direction that my business had to go and that's adding that Diné language, stories and sharing the culture of being Navajo," she said.

"The cool thing about it is that I actually get to share stories that teach others about our culture and the lessons provided from those stories."

For Begay, joining the Change Labs cohort has been a great motivator.

"I have more drive in doing what I'm doing now and they give me a brighter idea of how I can expand from the small room that I'm in now and that there are possibilities in succeeding in something, even though it seems so little," she said. "So far with Change Labs, they give me hope."

The ability to work with different busi-

nesses at different levels is what drew Ira Vandever to Change Labs.

Vandever is working with Change Labs to bring his businesses under one name, Vandever Holding Company LLC, to take care of all the moving parts and to protect his businesses and future. One of Vandever's first businesses is Falling Clouds, a company that houses a trading post as well as a catering company. He also owns Turquoise Indigo Fibers, which produces natural dyes along with weaving and saddle blankets. The latter has **participated in high fashion shows in New York City** and Vandever is planning a pop-up show during Paris fashion week this year.

His ventures are inspired by Vandever's late grandmother, Bessie Vandever, who raised nine kids with her husband, Joe Vandever, Sr., a late Navajo Code Talker.

"What I'm trying to create is an Indigenous standard to how we do everything," Vandever said. "An Indigenous standard means that we use as little electricity as possible, as little water as possible. Zero waste, zero duplication of services and then afterwards the carbon footprint is very low."

"There's something about turning your work into something you love or a lifestyle and if you love what you do, you really do find ways," he said.

The entrepreneurs accepted into the 2023 program also include: Marco Arviso, Delphina Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Deedra Dallas, Roddell Denetso, Sahar Khadjenoury, Mackenzi Navenma, Shaina Roanhorse, and Leander Thomas. To learn more about our incubator program.

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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.

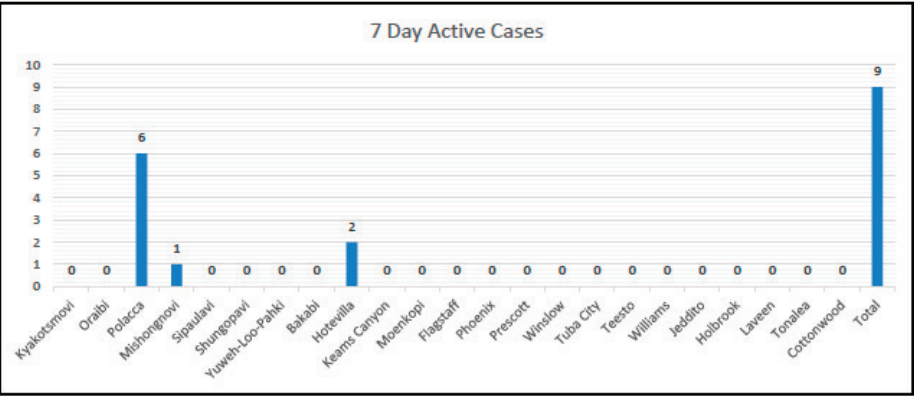
- ☐ It's been at least ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing 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%	76.2%	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



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Food Service

Public notice is hereby given that Second Mesa Day School is accepting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and eligible (licensed) firms and individuals for their Food Service Project for School Year 2023-2024. All Requests for Proposals (RFP) must be submitted prior to the closing date of March 31, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (MST) to be considered for selection. Late proposals will be disqualified. In order to be considered for selection, bidders must submit a complete response to the RFP. RFP Packets are available at the SMDS Procurement Office or via email. For more information, contact Alice Snyder at Alice.Snyder@secondmesa.org or call (928) 737-2571, ext. 4208. Second Mesa Day School reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted, to waive any information or irregularities, and to advertise in its best interest; and to request additional information from all proposers. Hopi Owned and Non-Hopi Owned firms and individuals are invited to respond to this RFP. Interested firms and individuals will be evaluated in accordance with the requested proposal and applicable law. Bidders should note that any and all work intended to be subcontracted as part of the bid submittal must be accompanied by background materials and references for proposed subcontract(s)-No Exceptions.

Sealed bids mailed to: Alice Snyder, Second Mesa Day School
Highway 264 at Texaco Junction
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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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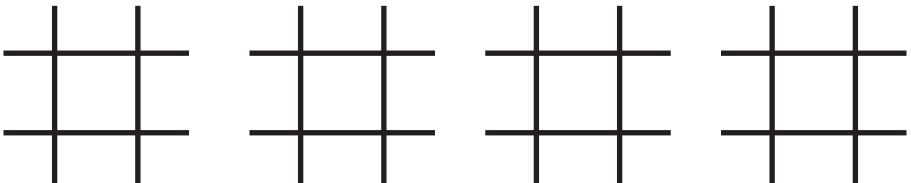


HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

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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.

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

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By: Kolby KickingWoman ICT

Washington, D.C. — Some of the most powerful and influential women in Indian Country gathered Wednesday for the 27th Annual National Indian Women “Supporting Each Other” Honor Lunch during the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session.

Over the course of a little over 90 minutes, love and laughter was shared in what has become an event that many look forward to.

It began in 1994 when the first female president of NCAI, Veronica Homer, Colorado River Indian Tribes, brought together a small group of Native women in Washington, D.C. to discuss the “need to promote, honor and recognize the accomplishments of Native Women Leaders during the NCAI Conferences and related activities.”

Over the years, a number of women have been honored including Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk; Denise Juneau, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Tribes, and a descendant of the Blackfeet Tribe and the Tlingit and Haida Tribes and Nedra Darling, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Cherokee, to name a few.

This year, Marilynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe, and Shannon Holsey, Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, were the honorees.

Before the two were given their awards and honor blankets, Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan,

White Earth Band of Ojibwe, gave the keynote address.

Flanagan spoke of the women, “the aunties,” who brought her into this circle. She shared her love and appreciation for them and thanked them for the support they have shown her over the years.

Those women include Julie Johnson, Cecilia Fire Thunder, Rachel Joseph and others.

Peggy Flanagan hugs Julie Johnson, left. (Photo by Kolby KickingWoman, ICT)

“There are people in this room, that you all had a vision for us to be connected, to be that support for one another,” Flanagan said.

She went on to say that her generation of women are ready to take the torch and continue to blaze the trail for those that will come after them.

Aside from being lieutenant governor, Flanagan said one of her most important roles is being one of the co-founders of Advance Native Political Leadership.

“This is work that was very much inspired by all of the aunties in this room,” she said. “It is creating a more formal network and support to this work that has been happening since time immemorial.”

She noted 118 Native candidates that ran for office in 2022, the most ever, and 78 won their races. Additionally, women won at a higher rate

than men, “which should come as a surprise to no one in this room,” Flanagan said.

In both of their respective speeches, Malerba and Holsey spoke of the support systems they’ve had in their lives and how they wouldn’t be where they are today without them.

“The only reason that I’m standing before you today is because I’ve been blessed by tribal leaders, family and professional mentors who have nurtured me, supported me and most importantly, believed in me every step of the way,” Malerba said.

She is chief of the Mohegan Tribe and last year became the first Native and first Native woman to serve as U.S. Treasurer. Malerba started her career in nursing and it is there she said she found her voice.

Ernie Stevens, gifted Marilynn Malerba flowers (Photo by Kolby KickingWoman, ICT)

One of her favorite quotes is from Mark Twain that says, “To succeed in life you need two things, confidence and ignorance.” Both of which Malerba believes she has.

An enduring symbol in Mohegan culture is the trail of life, a linear curvy line from east to west that represents the ups and downs of life, with dots along it representing the people one meets.

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Cycle breakers celebrated at women’s luncheon

Two notable Native women were recognized in Washington at annual luncheon, continued...

“I am forever grateful for the people who have shared my journey with me,” Malerba said.

“Women create life and in doing so ensure the world will go on. We must honor the legacy that we have been given by creating a world that we can be proud of.”

Both Malerba and Holsey said they were humbled to be honored at the lunch among the heroes and sheroes they’ve looked up to and been inspired by.

Halsey shouted out all Native women and what they continue to accomplish. Specifically, she cited how powerful it was to watch Malerba be sworn in as treasurer and Fawn Sharp at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Native women are cycle breakers and deserve to be celebrated for their tenacity, she said.

Shannon Holsey is honored and wrapped in a blanket (Photo by Kolby KickingWoman, ICT)

“Native women are amazing people and they belong in all spaces and they can do anything that they choose to be,” Halsey said. “While personal circumstances can be wide ranging, one thing is for sure that women are resilient and they’re courageous.”

The biggest successes in her life have come on the heels of failure and Holsey’s father always told her, “if you’re not hitting a few guard rails, you aren’t going fast enough,” which got a laugh from the crowd.

“The world said ‘be invisible, but she heard

invincible.’ The question isn’t who’s going to let us, the question is who’s going to stop us?” Halsey said.

“Courage, sacrifice, determination, commitment, toughness, hurt, talent, guts; that’s what little girls are made of. The heck with sugar and spice, that’s something you cook with.”

She encouraged all the women to continue to show up, be courageous, keep paving the way forward and claim their power.

“It’s like frybread and women, if you don’t let them rise, it’s not going to turn out well.”

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Peggy Maraganke Julia Johnson (left) (Photo by Kolby KickingWoman, ICT)



Anna Stevens (left) gifts Shannon Malerba (center) (Photo by Kolby KickingWoman, ICT)



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