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**HOPI
CALENDAR
Powamuyaw
(February)**

Cleansing Moon

- Feb Powamuyaw
- Mar Ösömuayaw
- Apr Kwiyamuyaw
- May Hakitonmuyaw
- June Woko'uyis
- July Tala'Kyelmuyaw
- Aug Tala'Paamuyaw
- Sep Nasanmuyaw
- Oct Angakmuyaw
- Nov TömöKyelmuyaw
- Dec Kyaamuyaw
- Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw

**THIS MONTH IN
HOPI HISTORY**

- AD 500: Pottery and weaving were developed
- AD 900-1000: Plazas and kivas like those of present Hopi construction were made
- Ancestors of Navajos arrived in the Southwest in the 15th century
- Hopi pottery found as far away as Verde Valley, Chinle Valley, Southern Arizona

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First Mesa Consolidated Villages Faced with Critical Issues of Mesa Rock Shifting, Destabilization and Polacca Wash Sediment Built Up



Notice how high original bridge stood from ground up, in comparison to today with clearance of only about four feet due to sediment built up

By: **Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

Our Village is faced with several critical issues today:

- The Mesa rock shifting,
- Polacca wash sedimentation due to dense stands of salt cedar causing flooding,
- Mesa drainage systems running through Polacca, Wepo wash,
- sedimentation build up due to dense stands of salt cedar, threatening to flood various structures.

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) has created a working group to develop a plan of action to address the issues. Mr. Myron Ami and Mr. Wilber Kaye are working to collect data and seek the responsible tribal or federal agencies who will provide the necessary expertise to assess, analyze and develop feasible mitigation plans. The BIA Hopi Agency had this responsibility until several years ago when the Hopi Tribe entered PL93-638 Indian Self Determination contracts for all natural resources' functions. We understand the PL93-638 contract should include a "scope of work" for all functions contracted. Professional and technical staff positions in the various natural resources disciplines should be funded and hired in accordance with the scope of work.

The Tribal Department of Natural Resources considers the issues as a "village driven project," we interpret this to mean village administrations must provide a project plan for tribal council consideration

before any effort is initiated to mitigate the issues. The BIA Hopi Agency interprets this to include collection of data, analyze and propose the project from the village to the tribe for consideration. Village Administrations do not staff a Natural Resources Department, and do not have funds to staff a natural resource department. If in fact the PL93-638 contract allows funding for individual village administrations, FMCV has not received any funds nor are we aware of any other villages who may have received funding.

We requested a copy of the PL93-638 Natural Resources contracts to determine if the contract included providing expert services and wrote a formal letter to the Hopi BIA Superintendent three weeks ago, receiving no response. Contacts with the Western Regional BIA Offices received skeptical cooperation. Contacts with the Federal Emergency Management requires engagements through the Hopi Tribe by a well-established operations plan and staff qualifications as a federal requirement.

We are currently working with Mr. Paul Saufkie, representing the Hopi Tribal Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) and Mr. Ronald Honyumptewa, DPS Director and will in cooperation comply with established requirements of FEMA.

Without the protocols of contacts with our clan landowners, the Chairman's Office went directly to the Federal Government to only establish temporary barriers around the homes next to the wash area. This was

not surprising since from the beginning of his Chairmanship, he does not recognize FMCV in violation of the constitution. Our traditional self-government under FMCV must take on the responsibility to complete the required planning process. We also know that the federal government has the trust responsibility over our village lands since it established our village lands having reservation status.

FMCV for over twenty years have been without village allocations and received only \$45,000 from the CARES Act funding. Most likely we do not expect to receive our rightful and lawful share of the ARPA funds. We are currently using our own funds to proceed with justified plans for remedy of our natural resource's issues on behalf of our Kikmongwi.

On-going meetings will be held with our working group consisting of the three village offices and HDOT, Hopi Law Enforcement, Hopi DPS and HERT Program. Absent and critical is the BIA and Hopi Natural Resources Offices to provide the experts to especially provide an assessment of the extent of damages and working toward a restoration plan. This plan is for the flooding affecting our community and the serious erosion of our historic upper mesa. The FMCV Administration and our FMCV Tribal Council Representatives recently had a meeting to produce a plan to gain the support and approvals of the Hopi Tribal Council.

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Hopi Tribal Council Report

Hopi Tribal Council, Gaming Committee, Transportation Task Team and Investment Oversight Standing Committee

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By: Councilman Wallace Youveklla, Jr.
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Hopi Tribal Council:

* Action Item #022-2023 – To appoint Trevor Reed as Appellate Justice of the Hopi Appellate Court was passed by Hopi Tribal Council (18-1-0). Term is for two (2) years.

* Letter dated Nov. 30, 2022 from Andrew Gashwarza, Director, Office of Community Planning & Economic Development; Re: (2) Representatives to serve on the Tawa'ovi Community Development Team. Motion to appoint Rep. Raymond Namoki of Sipaulovi to the Team was passed by Hopi Tribal Council (14-0-4).

* Letter dated Dec. 14, 2022 from Mr. Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee; Re: Pandemic Recovery Committee Work Session. Mr. Mark Talayumptewa invited members of Hopi Tribal Council to attend a Work Session on Jan. 20, 2023. The work session was to get the input of Hopi Tribal Council and share the challenges that the Committee is encountering. Hopi Tribal Council Representatives who attended were Rep. Anita Bahnimptewa, Rep. Dale Siquah and Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr.

* On Jan. 26, 2023, members of the Hopi Tribe Transportation Task Team excused themselves from Hopi Tribal Council for the morning, to attend a meeting at Yuwehloo Pahki to speak with YP Officials and White Cone Chapter Officials to address transportation issues regarding Navajo Route 6. Representatives included Chair Herman Honanie, Vice Chair Wallace Youvella, Jr., Rep. Ruth Kewanimptewa and Rep. Mike Elmer as well as HDOT Director Michael Lomayaktewa and staff.

* In a separate report to Hopi Tribal Council by Mr. Mark Talayumptewa, of the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee, Talayumptewa reported that By-Laws and award/expenditure processes are being worked on to expedite the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Within the proposed budget and Hopi PRC Management Plan are items such as funding to complete a water line from the Side Rock Well Site to Moencopi, funds for the GWEAP program, funds for village projects, etc.

It was, however, unfortunate to learn that the Hopi CARES Committee overspent the CARES funds in excess of \$5 million dollars and that the ARPA funds need to be used to repay that over expenditure. The Hopi PRC will report to the Hopi Tribal Council on a monthly basis. As requested, the Hopi Tribal Council acted upon and approved the Hopi PRC Management Plan by a vote of 18-0-0.

*The Investment Oversight Committee was due to present a draft of the proposed amendments to the Hopi Tribe Investment Policy. However, due to new members recently joining the committee and not having the opportunity to review the document, the presentation is Tabled.

Gaming Committee:

The Gaming Committee did not meet due to inclement weather. Meetings will resume in February.

Transportation Task Team:

- Elections of Officers
Chair – Rep. Herman Honannie of Kykotsmovi Village
Vice Chair – Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr. of First Mesa Consolidated Villages
- The Vice Chair of the Transportation Task Team was delegated to write a letter to the Finance Department regarding the ongoing issues with vendors getting paid. Several divisions within HDOT have been adversely affected by lack of pay-

ments therefore vehicles being returned to vehicle leasing agencies.

- It was discussed by HDOT Director and staff that there needs to be communication between the Hopi Utility Corporation and HDOT in regards to exactly where the HAMP water line is. In relation to paving HIR 10 in Polacca, HDOT must have the As-Built plans of the HAMP water line before any construction can be considered.
 - The visit by Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Pete Buttigieg, led to a discussion that the Transportation Task Team along with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman's Offices need to have better communication. It was expressed that when the Chairman or Vice-Chairman are in talks with officials at the State or Federal level regarding Transportation, that it is imperative that dialogue take place prior to, with the Hopi Tribal Council and the Transportation Task Team.
 - Crash Data, that has personal information redacted, is seriously needed by ADOT in order to expend more funds on Highways 264 and 87. It is being recommended that Hopi Law Enforcement Services be invited to a future meeting to discuss the sharing of Crash Data with ADOT.
 - An invitation is being sent to the Hopi Realty Office to discuss the Right Of Way process. It is still unclear why the Hopi Realty Office will not accept Plats for ROW's as the Bureau of Indian Affairs does. The ROW process has hindered many new projects and cooperation between all departments needs to take place for the development of infrastructure to service our people. The Hopi Tribe stands to lose funds that have been accepted for projects, but are not being expended on those projects.
 - An Action Item in support of Arizona HB2543, is set to be placed on the Hopi Tribal Council's agenda. With the assistance of the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), a bill is being sponsored, in the Arizona Legislature by Rep. Tim Dunn (R) Yuma, which would award Hopi nearly \$6 million in funds toward two projects. For the Hotevilla/Bacavi Road the amount is \$261,212 and for the Kachina Point Road (formerly known as the Leupp Road) the amount is \$5,535,513.
- ### Investment Oversight Standing Committee:
- Election of Officers
Chair– Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr. of First Mesa Consolidated Villages
Vice Chair– Rep. David Talayumptewa of Kykotsmovi Village
 - The Subcommittee in talks with a proposed partnership to produce Basalt Rebar is set to finish discussions and report to Hopi Tribal Council in Feb. or March.
 - Negotiations with the Moenkopi Developer's Corporation is on-going. The subcommittee will report back to Hopi Tribal Council in March.
 - The proposed Walpi Housing Management Agreement is set to be addressed by the Hopi Tribal Council in the form of an Action Item. It is hopeful that the Action Item will be heard in February.
 - The committee is awaiting a time certain to present the draft copy of an amended Hopi Tribe Investment Policy, to Hopi Tribal Council.

Never blame any day in your life. Good days give you happiness, bad days give you experience, and the worst days give you a lesson. Be Safe and Be Happy!!

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Critical Issues at First Mesa Require Immediate Action and Support From the Hopi Tribe and Federal Government

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Today, our village is faced with two major issues, the Polacca wash flooding and the Mesa rock shifting. Both will require extensive planning for renovation by qualified experts and intensive engineering with input from qualified geologists, biologists, etc. This intensive work to produce the required work will take time and, importantly, specialists we don't have. We are documenting the current destruction and producing our recommendations for immediate corrective measures including the safety of our people. What we do know is that these projects will require millions of dollars which our village and the tribe do not have, including the expertise. We have already been told by the BIA and Hopi Tribe it is a village matter.

This has us focusing on various disaster funds currently available. Also, the tribe has federal 93-638 contracts for these purposes and provided the government-to-government responsibility at the time of the constitutional approval by the U.S. Secretary of Interior in 1936. This however reminds some of us of our past elder's instructions, **"Don't be in a hurry to release the federal government of its responsibilities, they owe us a lot."** What was the true meaning of this instruction when the Hopi Tribal Council already contracted several BIA programs? Was this a federal scheme to allow us to our own destruction? What was the true purpose of the federal self-determination which several tribes across the nation consider self-elimination and self-assimilation?

Our violation registered several letters reporting violations of the Constitution to the Hopi Tribal Council and the Superintendent of the Hopi BIA Agency. The BIA, who approved the Constitution and by-laws of the Hopi Tribe, responded only citing the

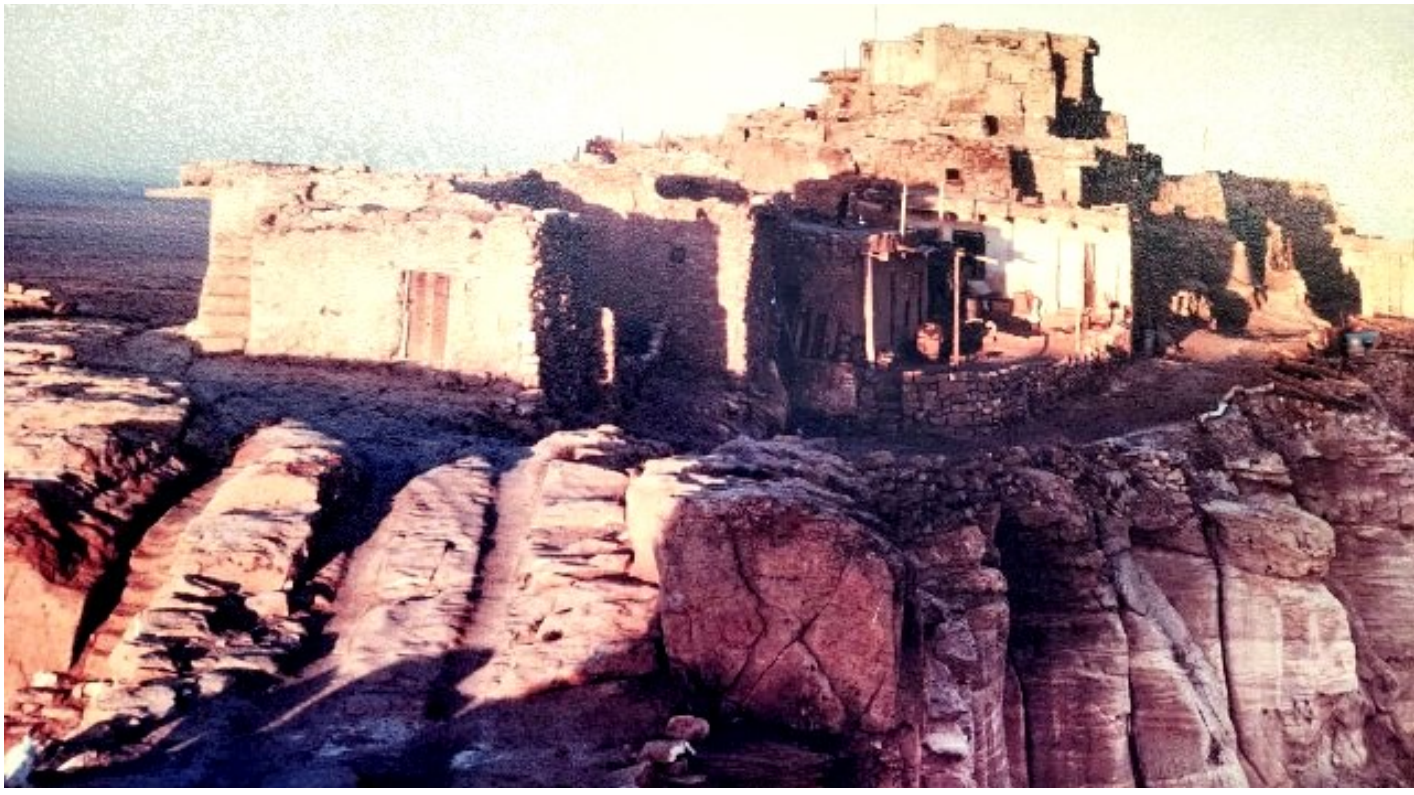
Self-determination Act to not interfere with tribal government affairs. This response years ago to our letter came from the Western Regional Office located in Phoenix which must have had the support of their Washington D.C. Office. Today, the Secretary of Interior continues to conduct hearings on our experiences in faraway schools. Like some of our village members, we experienced life at the Phoenix Indian School and other schools which Hopi students attended. We are not included just like our tribal government disarray is being ignored. The BIA should take time to listen to our elders and our traditional and religious leaders, of the tribal and federal government neglect and allow violations of its constitution.

The flooding and shifting of our village mesa are current issues and require immediate assistance.

Inquiries were made to the Hopi Tribe and to the local and Regional Offices of the BIA for expert consultation on the Polacca wash flooding and shifting of Upper First Mesa village. The local Hopi BIA Agency was reluctant to respond to our request for a copy of the Hopi Tribal Natural Resources contract.

It is evident that the Hopi Chairman has control of all records and information of all tribal programs. It is further evident that the BIA answers only to the Chairman's directives as the self-proclaimed Executive Director of the tribe. The Hopi Constitution does not provide for an Executive Branch but only a Legislative Branch with the Hopi Tribal Council having complete authority over all legislative affairs. The Chairman and Vice Chairman assignments are derived from the Tribal Council. We encourage our village members to read the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, we have a limited supply at our office.

With today's non-conformance of the con-



In the 1940's the Walpi Village was very strong, and well maintained. Today shows a lot of abuse of trash and debris at the entrance to Historic Walpi Village. Walpi Village has been identified as one of the most historic and continuously inhabited in places in North America.

stitution, the Hopi Constitution should be included in our High School curriculum and a requirement to graduate. The Tribal Council and its General Counsel are reluctant to provide directives under the provisions of the constitution. It is interesting that one person can manipulate the entire tribal government and therefore display retaliatory acts against its political opposition. Today, First Mesa Representatives and other representatives attempting to abide by the constitution, are faced with opposition by use of majority votes. The question today is, will our village self-government be eliminated?

Each federal 93-638 contract includes the statement: **this contract does not remove the trust responsibility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.** All contracts have strict stipulations to first fulfill the responsibility of the BIA and other tribal services and must not be in violation of the contract. The tribe agrees to the oversight by the BIA contracts officers and agrees to program reviews. Our inquiries reveal that the BIA contracts officers are not fulfilling these responsibilities and allowing various violations of the contract provisions. The local contracts specialist is under the oversight of high salaried

contract officers from the Western Regional Office. Former BIA programs contracted are the Courts, Police, Land Operations, Roads, and Reality. No one is aware of when these contract programs are undergoing performance compliance evaluations. Should we villages be included to provide information of whether we are provided services? The Executive Director under the umbrella of the Chairman is responsible for oversight. The Hopi Tribal Council only becomes aware of the work of the programs at the time contract renewals are requested for approval. What is the renewal based on? Is it on the completion of contract reviews, financial audits and has the BIA provided its recommendation that the grant was satisfied?

As an example is the well-orchestrated political ploy of the BIA Police contract at the onset placed on the Tribal Council agenda during the absence of key Council Representatives. The approval vote was a tie with the Chairman voting yes to break the tie. No formal proposal plan approved by the Law-and-Order Committee was presented. This contract proposal should have focused on improvements of law enforcement services, especially in villages to combat the increased alcohol and drug

problems. Soon after the takeover, numerous complaints were received about the dissatisfaction of the police services. Serious civil rights violations were reported with no response from police, tribal and federal officials. The Law Enforcement Committee of the Tribal Council, according to its policy, scheduled the BIA to review the contract in April 2022. This was requested prior to the renewal of the contract; however, the Chairman and Police Chief convinced the Council to approve renewal. This presentation was broadcast live on KUYI Radio as a way to solicit political support from supporters immediately influencing their council representatives by means of social media.

The BIA Review Team's exit report to the committee and some members of the Tribal Council cited findings reporting several critical violations. The BIA immediately wrote a letter to the Chairman on these critical contract violations which required immediate corrections. It is now almost a year and no member of the Tribal Council has received the complete report which is required to be reported to the Hopi People. Where is accountability to the people and what is interesting is that you, the Hopi people, remain silent over very serious

matters affecting our daily lives. Yet, on other less pressing matters, there are discussions on social media which includes bashing of Tribal Council members. The Tribal Council has the authority to demand a copy of the report and must do so immediately. It is obvious that the BIA is loyal to the Chairman who is without complete authority.

These are prime examples of how the Hopi Tribal Administration is administering its federal contracts. With no oversight from the BIA to require contract compliance, there is no concern for renewals whether work is completed or not. The Tribal Council, having ultimate authority appears to have no concerns about these contract matters not providing essential services to the village people. Some of us are aware of the Tribal Leadership not having the experience and qualifications to lead a multimillion-dollar operation. But it only takes convincing talk to gain a majority vote to be elected, not once, but twice.

In the meantime, our village is faced with two major issues and we will prevail with our own efforts under the continued leadership of our Kikmongwi who has provided our survival since time immemorial. Our faith in our creators Tiponi is stronger than the use of petty politics.

Instability of Rock Structure at First Mesa Consolidated Villages

By: Louella N Furcap
Public Information Officer
February 2, 2023
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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Our leaders will directly request the assistance of our congressional delegation to the BIA to assume its trust responsibility. We cannot wait on the political maneuvering of our tribal leaders. The threats of flooding and instability of our mesa have become an everyday threat to the lives and property of our village people. On behalf of our village leaders, the FMCV staff and FMCV Council Representatives will assume the direct action for immediate remedy under our self-government.

This plan of action will also provide for safety regulations for our village members and the general public. These proposed regulations must have the support from expert studies to

justify the support for recommended regulations. Some of these regulations will govern the movement and limitation of vehicle traffic and the operations of our water and sewer systems. Every effort will be considered to not hinder our ceremonial and religious functions held on our village mesa and, especially to not disturb the livelihood of our people who reside on the mesa villages. Whatever the outcome of these special regulations, it is respectfully requested from our village members for their understanding, cooperation and support.

Our leaders recall and talk about the past years of existence with understanding and living in unity with deep reverence for our Hopi way of life and religion. We must all have experience in the past years of disharmony and our separations for the greed of money. It is time to restore our true Hopi values and heed the teaching and instructions of our elders. Included is the expected loyal support from our tribal political government to protect and respect our village self-government. It is evident that some now oppose the continued existence of our village government under traditional and religious rule. It is time we embrace these teachings to provide the remedy to the threats we face today. As the writing of the United States Constitution stood humble to include, "In God we Trust," for Hopi, this is an acknowledgement of our creator.

Request to the Hopi Dept. of Transportation for "No Parking" Signs to be Placed Along Guard Rails on Mesa

January 24, 2023
Michael Lomayaktewa, Director
Hopi Department of Transportation

Mr. Lomayaktewa,

As per the meeting held on January 24, 2023 at the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Conference Room, FMCV is requesting, "No Parking" signs placed along the guard rail and adjacent drainage runoff (if possible), to help mitigate hazardous vehicle parking.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services will only enforce violations of signs designated by the Hopi Department of Transportation.

The "sinkholes" discussed will be handled at your discretion due to all the variables involved with a solution. However, we request an immediate short-term solution and maintenance until the plan progresses.

FMCV plans to obtain an assessment report from the Hopi Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services, Hopi Response Team to be documented in this process.

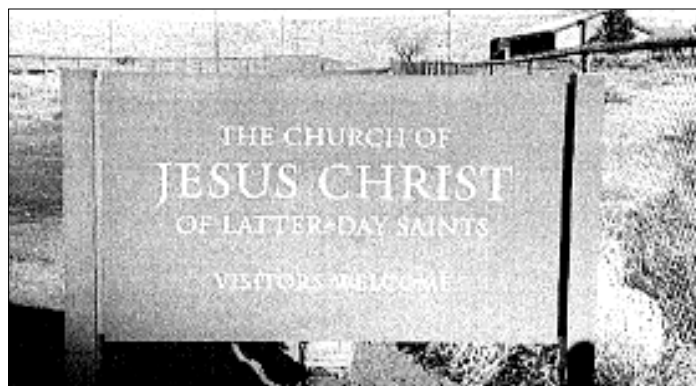
Please let us know what we can do to expedite any process. Thank you for your assistance and commitment to the safety of the people.

Wilber Kaye, Staff Assistant
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Concerned that someone you love is drinking too much alcohol, not just around the holidays, but year-round? Use the Rethinking Drinking resource from the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](https://www.niaaa.nih.gov) to take a look at drinking patterns, learn how they may affect your health, and when you may need to find help. <https://bit.ly/3iXJjHK>.

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APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 28, 2023

The IHS Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications for scholarship support for the 2023-2024 academic year. The IHS strives to develop our next generation of leaders, as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Eligible students are encouraged to apply by February 28, 2023: <https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/apply/>

Check out the IHS Scholarship Comparison Chart for a list of eligible degree programs: <https://bit.ly/3YVbJ5F> #NativeHealth #IndianCountry

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

PHOENIX, Ariz. – 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: 2023-015_Dundon

For more information on the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, visit: Justice.gov/AZ
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- You have a good discipline record (no major discipline issues this school year).

Pick up an application from Mr. James Lomakema, Social Studies Teacher/Department Head.

An application, essay, and interview are a part of the selection process. All costs are paid for, but fundraising is required for spending money on the trip.

For more information, you may also contact: Ms. Yazzie (Navajo Language Teacher), Mr. Watson (Social Studies Teacher), or Mrs. Fredericks (HS Principal).



PUBLIC NOTICE

Revocation of Moratorium on New Construction Activities

On August 13, 2020, a Moratorium on New Construction Activities was issued by First Mesa Consolidated Villages, which precluded the approval of housing projects, electrical services, realty services, road projects, etc. With the beginning of our new year, a decision has been made to revoke the Moratorium on New Construction Activities so that projects may move forward to serve the needs of the people of First Mesa Consolidated Villages. Please refer any questions to Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator, at (928) 737-2670.

Effective Date: January 5, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE Announcement of Membership Vacancies on the Board of Commissioners Hopi Tribal Housing Authority

The Hopi Tribal Council announces four (4) vacancies on the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners (HTHA BOC for a term of four (4) consecutive years.

The Hopi Tribal Council appoints prospective Board members from the community at large pursuant to Ordinance 15, under such procedure as the Council determines appropriate.

Interested individuals must submit Letters of Interests and a written Resume to the Office of Tribal Secretary by Friday, February 17, 2023 at 5 p.m.

You are welcome to contact the Tribal Secretary’s Office at (928) 734-3132 for additional information.

/S/ Judith Youvella,
Tribal Secretary
January 12, 2023

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Representatives Report Card

FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and Updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to past gathering restrictions, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Below is a recap of reports submitted by your Representatives, beginning January 1, 2021 to Present.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr	2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	√/√	○	√/√	√	January	√/√	√	√	√
February	√/√	○	○	√	February	√/√/√	√/√	√	√
March					March	√/√/√	√/√	√	√
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Submission and Publication Schedule

Issue No.	Submissions Deadline	Publish Date
3	2/8/2023	2/14/2023
4	2/22/2023	2/28/2023
5	3/8/2023	3/14/2023
6	3/22/2023	3/28/2023
7	4/5/2023	4/11/2023
8	4/19/2023	4/25/2023
9	5/3/2023	5/9/2023
10	5/17/2023	5/23/2023
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12	6/21/2023	6/27/2023
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17	9/6/2023	9/12/2023
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19	10/4/2023	10/10/2023
20	10/18/2023	10/24/2023
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23	12/6/2023	12/12/2023
24	12/20/2023	12/26/2023

2022-2023 Hopi Jr. High School Basketball Schedule

High School Spring Sports Practice Begins Wednesday, February 8

2023 Hopi Jr. High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times
Mon. 1/23	Tuba City B.S.	Tuba City	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Mon. 1/30	Rock Point C.S.	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Wed. 2/1	Sanders M.S.*	Sanders	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Mon. 2/13	Ganado M.S.*	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Wed. 2/15	Pinon M.S.*	Pinon	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Thu. 2/16	St. Michaels I.S.*	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Tue. 2/21	Tschootsoi M.S.*	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Thu. 2/23	Chinle J.H.S.*	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Fri. 2/24	Tuba City J.H.S.	Tuba City	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Mon. 2/27	Shonto C.S.	Shonto	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm
Wed. 3/1	NAIC-Pod Play	Chinle or Page	VG-TBD VB-TBD
Sat. 3/4	NAIC-Finals	Monument Valley H.S.	VG-TBD VB-TBD

* Denotes a NAIC Division I East Region Opponent

Note: All Times Mountain Standard Time - Games, dates, and times are subject to change. HUSHS will provide notification any changes via our website, Facebook pages, local radio stations, and our mass messaging system.

High School Students - The week of Feb. 6th is the last regular season week for our winter sports. As a result, our spring sports of baseball, softball, and track & field may begin practice that same week. Any High School student wanting to play any of the aforementioned sports should sign-up with the head coach in-between classes or at lunch. The final day for any High School student to join a spring sport is Thursday, February 23rd. That includes students wanting to be a manager. Please remember, that any student joining a sport must have a completed 22-23 school year physical on file with the athletics' office. For athletic questions, call (928) 738-1431.

Baseball: John Lomavaya
Softball: Claude Bakurza (Sign-up w/Ms. Bahnimptewa)
Track & Field: Rick Baker

February is National Marijuana Awareness Month

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 By: Kristie Kewenvoyouma, HSAPC mentor

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 Jan. 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

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Trades Scholarship

Interested in becoming a licensed contractor or growing your business?

Red Feather is currently providing a scholarship to Hopi or Navajo tribal members looking to improve their skills or work towards becoming trades professionals.



What does the scholarship cover?
 \$2,000 maximum scholarship amount for:

- Tuition at local trade schools and/or college construction programs
- Trade certification courses, including travel costs
- Tool purchases and equipment repairs for trades professionals who need support for existing businesses
- Contractor testing, licensing, insurance, and bonding fees

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

- Applicant must be a Hopi or Navajo tribal member
- Applicant must live on or near the reservations
- Applicant must submit a 1-page proposal detailing their need for the support



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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.

Hopi Tribal Council 1st Quarter Session 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, The 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, Transit Administrator, 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. Koyiyumptewa, Program Manager, 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 Adrienne 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
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
14. 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)
15. Letter dated November 23, 2022 from Robert Charley; Re: Resubmission of Letter of Interest for Re-appointment in current position as Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi
16. Letter dated November 18, 2022 from Dwayne Secakuku; Re: HTHA BOC Member Resignation – Danny Honanie, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
17. Presentation of Special Master’s Report & Hopi Tribe’s Objections to Final Report concerning the Little Colorado River (LCR) litigation by Osborn Maledon. Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee

Member **Time Certain January 24, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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
21. 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
22. Letter dated December 14, 2022 from Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee; RE: Pandemic Recovery Committee Work Session – David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
23. Memorandum dated December 30, 2022 from Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary; RE: Request for Support Staff Assistance. Anita Bahnimptewa / David Talayumptewa, Village of Kykotsmovi
24. Presentation by Summit on Flexible Spending Account. David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi **Time Certain January 25, 2023, 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

TUTSKWAT OQAWTOYNANI 2022 Annual Report

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is only a small portion of a full 19 page Annual Report. For more information on the Project and its mission, visit: www.tutskwat-oqawtoynani.org

Valerie Nuvayestewa, Tewa Corn Clan
Project Coordinator

Our Mission is to clean First Mesa from top to bottom, leading with the Vision: "Through discipline and responsibility we will preserve the sacredness of our Hopi and Tewa Villages." Upholding our promise to protect the planet and ensure that humanity enjoys peace and prosperity while creating space for healing and recovery.

"The Hopi Tribe is a sovereign nation located in northeastern Arizona. The reservation occupies part of Coconino and Navajo counties, encompasses more than 1.5 million acres, and is made up of 12 villages. Over the centuries we have survived as a tribe, and to this day have managed to retain our culture, language and religion." (Hopi Tribal Website) Influences from the outside world and historical trauma have since changed our way of life. It is time to remember our sacred covenant with Maasaw, the ancient caretaker of the earth, to live as peaceful and humble farmers respectful of the land and its resources. Tutskwat Oqawtoynani, formerly known as First Mesa Annual Cleanup, began organizing cleanups as early as 2016 due to the overwhelming amount of trash that was accumulating on the sides of the mesa. Trash that covered up ancient foot trails and ceremonial pathways that surround the mesa. For thousands of years, foot trails in the southwest served as important routes which led to sacred places where prayers and offerings are deposited. Whatever the purpose, trails enabled the ancient people of the southwest to travel extensively across the landscape. Hopi elder, Sakhongvaiya, (green tobacco standing in a row), Leon A. Nuvayestewa Sr. declared to his family that if "no one was going to do anything about the trash, he would." So began our humble work to clean our sacred, mesa home. Our organization directly serves 1,985 people from the three different villages we are cleaning and who reside in First Mesa, Arizona. We all benefit from the work we are doing as First Mesa is where we gather for our ceremonies year round. The primary area we serve is First Mesa, Polacca, Arizona, located in Northeastern Arizona, approximately 200 miles from Flagstaff, and 70 miles from Winslow, Arizona. "The Hopi Tribe is among the most underdeveloped and most vulnerable populations in the United States and has already suffered enough from stringent and inflexible environmental regulations. The shutdown of the Mohave Generating Station (MGS) has already imposed a highly disproportionate economic burden on the Tribe. Hopi have suffered lost revenues from MGS, between \$3.6 million to \$6.8 million, as a result of these challenges and that the loss of NGS will spell economic calamity in the absence of alternative revenue sources." (Hopi Comprehensive Economic Development strategy.

CLEANING STRATEGIES—As we move along the sides of the mesa, the Project Coordinator assesses the next areas to be cleaned and will relay this information

to the volunteers during the Volunteer Orientation which starts every clean up event.

1. Initial sweep of top layers of trash: First a sweep of household trash only, is done. There are cleanups that focus solely on picking up the top layers of trash. Looking at the weight of trash removed at each cleanup it varies depending on what is being cleared off the mesa. All volunteers wear masks and gloves to protect them from inhaling mold particles. Rakes and trash grabbers can be checked out at the Volunteer station and are used to pull out trash minimizing the risk of our volunteers getting cut on glass shards or sharp metals. Pathways are cleared through the trash before cleanups for safety and ease of getting up and down to the trash piles. Areas are flagged where human waste/dead animals are present so volunteers know to stay clear of the area. Diabetic needles, hospital waste, prescription medicine, drug paraphernalia is flagged and picked up later and placed in glass jars to be disposed of properly after the cleanup

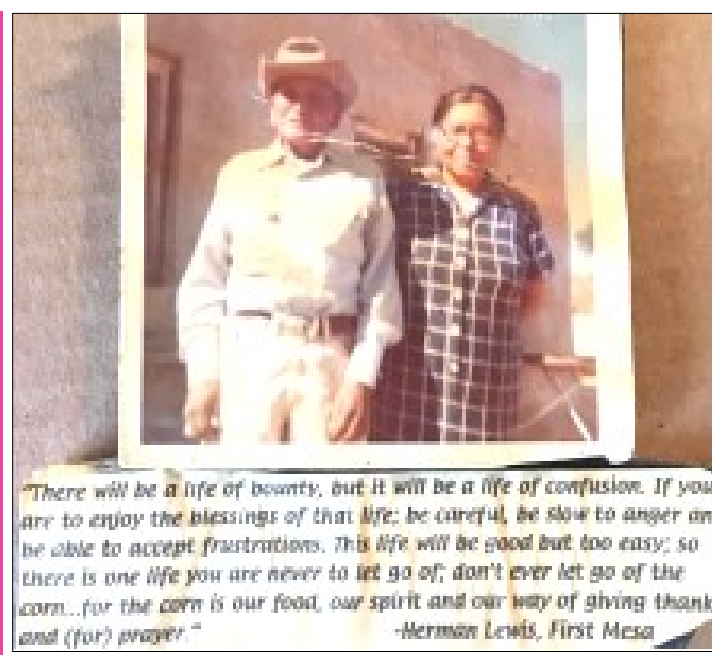
2. Trash sorted into piles: As we move along we begin to create piles of wood, metals, and bigger metal items. These piles will be removed at a cleanup where we will utilize the Tension line to remove the bigger items instead of trying to bring it to the top of the mesa. The bigger metal items are cut into smaller pieces using cordless saws. The cargo net is attached to the tension line and filled with metals, heavier trash items and sent down the tension line to a truck, unloaded, then loaded into the vehicle. When the truck is full it will be hauled to the Hopi Solid Waste Landfill. This year the Hopi Solid Waste helped by providing a grappler truck to pick up the metals so they could compact it more using the grappler. We paid for the gas for the vehicle and they kept the metal to turn in for money to support their program. They also allowed us to dump free of charge for the April Earth Day Cleanup. Later cleanups in the year we paid to dump at the landfill. We also rented one bin from Waste Management Services and hauled trash in our own vehicles to the bin which was placed at the Village of Tewa turnoff. As we move along the sides of the mesa, the Project Coordinator assesses the next areas to be cleaned and will relay this information to the volunteers during the Volunteer Orientation which starts every clean up event.

3. Restoration of trails needed as well as rebuilding soil health: We are unable to fully address soil restoration and erosion control so right now we are not digging down too deep into the layers of trash. In some areas trash is completely compacted and we need better tools to safely remove the trash as it looks like our mesa is being held together by the compacted trash.



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School Board Mtg 2 Bus run AM & PM 	2 2 Bus run AM & PM 	3 Concession 	4
5	6	7 2 Bus run P.M. HBCS @ FMES	8 2 Bus run P.M. 	9	10 2 Bus Run A.M. & P.M. 	11
12	13 PIE Mtg. 6pm FMES Gym FMES @ MDS 2 Bus PM	14 STUCO Delivering Valentine Grams	15 Half Day Staff in Service busses leave 12:30	16 2 Bus Run PM FMES @ Pinon	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL 	21	22	23 ST. Michaels @ FMES	24 Student Enrichment Day	25
26	27 2 Bus Run A.M. & P.M. 	28				



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