



# The Village Crier

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## HOPI CALENDAR *Kwiyamuyaw*

### Windbreaker Moon

The Month When Fruit  
Trees Begin to Bud or  
Blossom and Weeds  
Start to Grow

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

### THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- 1834: Rocky Mountain Fur Company trappers kill 15-20 Hopis
- 1837: Massive Navajo attack on Orayvi .
- 1862-1863: Three Hopis travel to Salt Lake City to appeal for aid against Navajos
- 1891: Orayvi Warriors declare war on U.S. Calvary

### April Holidays

- April 15: Good Friday
- April 17: Easter



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## Ty Cody Silas Nabs Junior Team Roping Championship at Queen Creek Junior Rodeo in Camp Verde, AZ



Ty Cody Silas, smiles as he poses with Jr. Team Roping Championship buckle at the Queen Creek Rodeo in Camp Verde, AZ

### News Release FMCV

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages congratulates Ty Cody Silas on his recent Championship win at the Queen Creek Junior Rodeo in Camp Verde, AZ on March 26-27.

The young cowboy participated in multiple events including Ribbon Roping and the Team Roping event with partner Winkie Crook, Hopi/Hualapai (Sichomovi-Peach Springs)

The Silas family provided photos of the young cowboy with a thank you note to the "First Mesa Consolidated Villages, for all your support," referring to monetary donations from FMCV.

Ty Silas' proud parents are Kris Silas and LaVaun Dyer and grandparents are Sharon David and Dickson Silas of First Mesa.

More Photos on P8

## Hopi Council Approves FY2022 General Fund Operating Budget

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

In the late hours of Saturday, March 26, 2022, some members of the Hopi Tribal Council, finally by majority vote, approved the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Operating Budget of the Hopi Tribe. The normal approval is prior to the end of the year in December. Some of us were unable to attend the meeting due to other personal matters and I had already reported not being in favor of approval due to continued questionable withdrawals from our tribal investments. This had already occurred for the past several years, soon after the closure of Peabody Coal operations and lost of revenues. Since the closure of Peabody Coal, our government has been subjected to deficit spending.

I requested, from the Tribal Treasurer, an accounting report for when Peabody Mine closed and how much funding was withdrawn from our Peoples investments to supplement the deficient operating budget. It was reported that Coal revenues was supporting almost 80% of our past years' tribal operating budget. Today's revenue reported by our Tribal Treasurer was almost \$5,000,000 and the approved annual budget was \$16,700,000. Annual budgets are based on anticipated revenues, which resulted in our budget shortfall as approximately \$11,000,00. The Tribal Council's withdrawals must now be close to \$50,000,000. The actual amount will be reported when information is received from the Tribal Treasurer. My position as a member of the Tribal Council is that we must inform the Hopi People

and request their consent.

The Budget Oversight Team is delegated to prepare the annual budget with the leadership of the Tribal Chairman and the Tribal Treasurer. It was reported that the BOT was unable to timely provide the recommended budget to the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council in December of 2021, prior to the new year, passed a continuing resolution to justify its spending. Although a majority of the BOT are tribal administration members, the proposed budget did not address the need to decrease the budget due to insufficient revenues. In fact, since the serious decrease in revenues, the Chairman and Administration never imposed restrictions on its budget expenditures. Today, our tribal government operations are funded as if our revenues remain. **Our Tribal State of Affairs is that our investments are being depleted at a dangerous rate and fast approaching to becoming a Tribal Government without money.** Who will suffer as a result? Our children and grandchildren.

It is my recommendation that our tribal government quickly be downsized. This was the responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer with the oversight of the Tribal Chairman. The concern for re-election by the Chairman was, in my opinion, the political reason for not truthfully and faithfully addressing the financial crisis of the tribal government. Now, the people, remain to be pawns of our government's

leadership. No effort has been made to replace our declining revenues. The Chairman supports Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation with its plans for business development off the reservation. We have for years suffered no business development here on our reservation where jobs will be needed by displaced tribal employees. Of all the business ownerships by the Hopi Tribe, none are making significant contributions to the revenues of the tribe. Any immediate development will take years before the tribe will realize income. In the meantime, our village governments will be most likely first to suffer no allocations.

The Treasurer has the constitutional responsibility to, "keep a faithful record of such funds and shall report fully on receipts, payments and amounts in hand at regular meetings of the council and whenever requested to do so by the council. His accounts shall be open to public inspection". The Tribal Council must now require our new Treasurer, appointed to her term beginning January 1, 2022 to adhere to the mandates of the Constitution. I have faith in our new Treasurer to restore accountability in our tribal treasury. But the Treasurer must have the administrative cooperation of the Chairman and especially the Hopi Tribal Council. We must provide our people honest information and provide leadership by experience action and example and not just words. "Lets walk the talk."



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## The Local Response to a Global Pandemic

### COVID-19: Two Years Later

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Every storm begins with one gust of wind, and every flood begins with a single drop of rain. On March 30, 2020, the Hopi Tribe became a part of the global pandemic with the report of the first case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) now commonly referred to as COVID-19.

One of the major themes when it comes to Emergency Management is the understanding that every disaster is local. This means that regardless of what is taking place around you, whether it be the state, nation, or in this case the entire world, the way to strategize a response must be at a local level. While the first case of COVID was identified in the Village of Bacavi, Hopi leadership quickly understood the need to counter the disease with measures that would affect the entire Tribal Community.

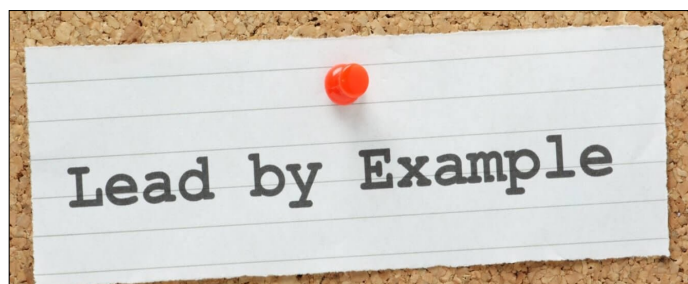
On March 18, 2020, in response to the presence of Coronavirus in the surrounding area, including the Navajo Nation, a Public Health Emergency was declared by the Hopi Tribe and the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) was stood up. Just four days later, on March 22, 2020, the Hopi Tribe received notification of three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Tuba City. This led to the Stay-At-Home Order for all residents as a means to limit the spread and control the virus, thus, preserving the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

With more than 100 cases of COVID-19 identified on the Hopi Reservation in the month of July 2020, the Original Stay-At-Home Order from March 23, 2020, was extended to the end of August of that same year. During that time the hospitalization rate averaged more than 20 patients per day and the positivity in testing did not show any signs that the virus was letting up. The war was one of a community against a virus and the battles were between the medical community and individuals fighting a deadly disease attacking their bodies.

In June 2020, a nightly curfew was put into effect throughout the Hopi Reservation and unnecessary travel to, from, and across the reservation was halted. The Stay-At-Home Order was extended to July 2020 and in these two years, a total of six Stay-At-Home Orders have been issued.

While the protection of public health requires a focus on numerical data: the current 14-day test positivity rate at 8%, more than 6,123 patients vaccinated, and a total of 2,638 cases in the past two years, we cannot forget that behind every number is a person. And behind every person affected is a family, some doing their best to prevent the spread of disease within their household, some mourning the loss of their parent, or grandparent. And behind all these stories are the men and women who day in and day out, whether the positivity rate is high or not, mask up, and serve as doctors, nurses, and staff, and first responders to keep the battle lines drawn. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that there is hope for each patient who many times cannot be comforted by their loved ones due to safety protocols.

As we reach this milestone in this pandemic, we salute these brave men and woman who often provide more than they ever knew they had within them during this time of disaster.



**Get Vaccinated to Protect  
Against Serious Illness**

## Issues with Live Broadcast of Tribal Council meetings via KUYI Radio

**By: Ivan L. Sidney, Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

The issues with live broadcast of Hopi Tribal Council meetings on KUYI public Radio with disregard for formal approval of Tribal Council with established regulations and policy of Federal Communications Commission, was brought before the Tribal Council for discussion, as a result of a complaint letter by Representative Phillip Quochytewa of Kykotsmovi Village.

The concern of the use of radio to voice personal political gain has been allowed for too long. The use of the radio was a result of the COVID restrictions and was not properly structured for an effective communications tool to properly disseminate legislative processes of the Tribal Council. Instead, its use became airing of council disputes and disrespectful personal comments among the Tribal Council Representatives.

What remains, after the council deliberations on April 5, 2022, is the continued need for use of KUYI Radio to provide reporting to the Hopi People as stipulated in the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe.

After reaching an understanding for the need and how the radio broadcast was being abused, the Tribal Council agreed to assign the task to the appropriate committee to recommend and develop a process for establishment of guidelines.

The management of KUYI Radio will be invited in the onset, to participate in the planning and development to explain

what rules apply to public radio broadcast stations. These radio stations are licensed throughout the nation, subject to FCC laws. With the understanding of these requirements, the Tribal Council can then develop the purpose of the use of public radio to comply with their requirements to properly inform the Hopi Public.

The Tribal Council can also develop specialized council reporting, such as airing of Tribal Committee meetings where detailed issues are discussed to be brought before Tribal Council for approvals.

We must require our Chief Administrative Officer and Tribal Directors to also write reports for publication in the Hopi Tribal newspaper, Hopi Tutuveni. The failures of department responsibilities have been discussed by Council resulting in micro-management. Some sessions of council can be recorded to air at specific times. However, this all does not take away our responsibilities as Tribal Council Representatives to report directly to our village people we serve.

If it was not for the political courage of Representative Quochytewa to take before the Tribal Council, these abuses may have continued. Now is the opportunity to build on corrective measures to continued KUYI radio broadcasting for our listening Hopi People. Your comments are welcomed to improve our tribal government during these trying times.

## Keeping them Honest and Accountable

**By: Phillip Quochytewa, Sr.  
Representing KykotsmoviVillage**

Soon after the elections for Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman were completed, the Hopi Election Office issued the final results, eleven days after the Nov. 11, 2021 General Election. With only three election board members certifying the election, and supposedly conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Election Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations of the Hopi Tribe, is still a question which remains to be answered by the Election Board.

The Hopi Tribal Council adjourned its fourth quarterly meeting after exhausting its agenda for the year ending November 30, 2021. To make a long story short, the Chairman elect and Vice Chairman elect, sneakily processed their travel authorizations without Hopi Tribal Council approval. Two other staff members of the chairman-elect were part of the illegal lobbying trip to Washington, DC. Remember the Hopi Tribal Council had adjourned and never gave its authorization and permission to speak on behalf of the Council. No meeting or conducting business during adjournment should be tolerated, especially when Nuvangyaoma himself adjourned the meeting.

Fact is, the Chairman elect and Vice Chairman elect, is just that and does not give them any authority to act on their own without first taking their Oath of Office, is a violation in the eyes of many Hopis. Up to date both continue to misuse their authority.

Under the HOPI CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IV-THE HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL, Section (13) Inauguration of the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall take place at the first regular Tribal Council meeting following their election. Elected Officials are not recognized until properly certified following their Oath of Office.

To date, Nuvangyaoma has yet to produce a written report to the Hopi Tribal Council and all Villages, of which he acknowledged to do, including his accomplishments within the past four years as Chairman of the Hopi Tribe. Fact is, the only reports we (HTC) receive is from Mr. Josh Clause, Lobbyist for the Tribal Council.

When Nuvangyaoma did finally report his illegal lobbying trip to the Tribal Council, and instead of answering questions, he took advantage of sweet talking to listeners listening to the meeting of the Tribal Council aired by KUYI radio, perhaps to gain support in covering his tracks. When questioned by myself to Nuvangyaomama, who authorized your illegal lobbying trip, He could not respond honestly only to say the people, it's the people. Who? No answer provided.

Remember, Hopi Tribal funds were used to accommodate and pay for this unauthorized lobbying trip. Members of the Hopi Tribal Council, why are we silent? What does the Oath of Office tell us? We have a constitution to uphold as well as our fiduciary responsibilities. Are we accountable? "NO."

Council Representatives Rosa Honani and Anita Bahnimptewa, Village of Sipaulovi requested written reports from Nuvangyaoma on two separate occasions. The first request was made prior to adjourning the year end and recently Representative Bahnimptewa requested that he provide HTC and Villages a report on his accomplishments. To date, No Reports have been received, which is very sad.

In closing, the Hopi Tribe's General Fund Budget was finally approved for FY2022 on Saturday, March 26, 2022 by a vote of 14 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstaining is an indication that the operating budget has been once again railroaded.

## FMCV Water Operations

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# Gaming, Investment Oversight, Transportation Task Team Committee Reports and Review of approved Hopi Tribal Budget

By: Wallace Youvella, Jr., Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

## Gaming Committee: March 23, 2022

\* Representative Youvella, Jr. was tasked with scheduling a Gaming Committee meeting for the month of March 2022. The sole purpose of the meeting was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

\* Meeting held on March 23, 2022 with elections held. Rep. W. Youvella, Jr. of First Mesa was elected as Chair of the Gaming Committee and Rep. A. Bahnimpewa of Sipaulovi was elected as the Vice-Chair.

\* Next meeting scheduled is April 19, 2022.

## Investment Oversight Committee: March 14, 2022

\* Discussions regarding acquiring financial documents from the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation are tabled until after the conference with HTEDC and the Hopi Tribal Council on March 18, 2022.

\* Work with the Moenkopi Development Corporation continues as more documentation has been provided to the subcommittee directed to work with the matter.

\* A draft version of a revised Investment Policy continues to be worked on. With the changing environment of the financial world, it is in the best interest of the Hopi Tribe to position itself to take advantage of possible yields. A revised policy would also be able to take advantage of changing interest rates implemented by the Federal Reserve.

\* Walpi Housing Management Agreement discussions are tabled pending a conference with HTEDC and the Hopi Tribal Council on March 18, 2022.

\* Omnibus Account, Treasurer Talayumptewa is to look into account balances for land settlements, wildlife endowment and other accounts.

## Transportation Task Team: March 16, 2022

\* Interest Bearing Account for Hopi Department of Transportation funds is to be sought by Vice Chair Youvella, Jr. A request for the Finance Director and Treasurer to attend and discuss the matter will occur in April 2022.

\* A Finance or Procurement office for HDOT is being discussed. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the Assistant Finance Director and future discussions will take place in April.

\* Road Improvement Presentation of N8031/N4. Director of Realty, Micah Loma'omvaya would like more infor-

mation pertaining to the project. The BIA Western Agency will do the application and be responsible for maintenance. This project would include approximately 2.76 miles on the Hopi Reservation. Vice-Chair Youvella Jr., advocated that Hopis be given equal opportunity for construction jobs as this road will cross the Hopi Reservation.

\* A Hopi/ADOT Partnership meeting will take place at the ADOT office in Flagstaff (Old Harkins Theatre).

\* Hopi Senom Director, Donovan Gomez is working with the Dilcon Medical Center to see how much impact will take place upon the opening of the facility.

\* Polacca Airport work is continuing via Fred Shupla of the Community Planning Office.

\* Bacavi and Moenkopi street names have been completed and are input into the Transportation system. Proposed road naming remains as a project for the First Mesa Villages and Communities.

## Hopi Tribal Budget

The Hopi Tribal Budget for FY 2022 was worked on throughout the weekend and completed on March 26, 2022. The target of trimming \$1.9 million from the budget was met, as directed by Hopi Tribal Council. An amount of \$80,000 was awarded to both the Village of Tewa and the Village of Hotevilla for the purposes of continued exigent services to the people. It was urged to the Budget Oversight Team and the Hopi Tribal Council that future budgets be completed in a much more timely manner. There are some matters that are outstanding, such as the Snow Bowl litigation fees that need to be paid. That matter will be addressed by Hopi Tribal Council in April.

## Opioid Litigation

The Hopi Tribe is part of the litigation against pharmaceutical companies due to the Opioid Crisis that has affected many across the nation. Because of continued litigation, details are not shared at this time, however the lawsuit seems to be drawing to a close and information should be available to the public soon.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. As COVID restrictions are being lifted, please protect yourself and your family as needed. Kwah'Kway.

Respectfully,  
**Wallace Youvella, Jr.**

# Hopi Law & Order Committee Report

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Hopi Law & Order Committee consist of the following Hopi Tribal Council Representatives:

Ivan Sidney, Law & Order Chairman, First Mesa  
Mervyn Yoyetewa, Vice Chairman, Mishongnovi  
Raymond Namoki, Sipaulavi  
Danny Honanie, Kykotsmovi  
Marilyn Fredricks, Bacabi  
Danny Humetewa, Upper Moenkopi  
Meranda Nutumya, Support Staff, Office of Tribal Secretary

The committee held three meetings to date and is challenged to complete the past work of the previous committee on matters relating to Law Enforcement, Tribal Courts, Office of the Prosecutor, Tribal Rangers, and BIA Detention and Criminal Investigations.

The immediate need is to review the program's current services and represent the Tribal Council to ensure that services are provided to the expectations of the Hopi People. Committee members are aware of the concerns registered with the Council. The work of the committee has resulted in the following:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, P.L. 93-638 Program Monitoring reviews of the Hopi Tribal Law Enforcement is scheduled for April 18 22, 2022. BIA Officials will conduct the audit reviews of the tribal contract as it relates to compliance to BIA-OJS policy and regulations. In response to the committee's request, the reviews will also include the Hopi Criminal Investigations remaining with the BIA. On Friday, April 22, 2022, the Review Team will meet with the Hopi Tribal Council to report program findings.
- On March 29, 2022, the committee held an onsite meeting to hear presentations from the Tribal Court staff and to tour the facility. We learned that the BIA Courts approved a Court Assessment to determine court needs and provide recommendation for improved operational activities. The court needs a new facility, and the committee will convey this information to the Tribal Administration to give attention to their administrative issues.
- On the same date, the committee met with the Office of the Prosecutor for a presentation on the services provided, including their recommended needs. Of critical need is the hiring of the Chief Prosecutor and another Deputy Prosecutor. The current, one Prosecutor, has resulted in overload causing a back log on court cases. Past hiring of Prosecutors resulted in no hires due to no housing.
- A meeting is being scheduled with the Western BIA Region Office to discuss Detention Operations. Detained juveniles are transported to the Ute Mountain Facility in Colorado and Adult inmates are transported to Navajo County Detention in Holbrook. This meeting must result in a more streamlined operations for better treatment of inmates and providing adequate immediate court services.

## SAVE THE DATES!! First Mesa Community Clean-Up

April 23: Earth Day  
June 25: Summer Solstice Clean Up  
Sept. 10: Honoring Grandparents  
Oct. 15: Indigenous People's Day

For more information, call:  
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Happy Siblings Day

April 10





# Land Commission Meeting Report

**By: Dale Siquah, Hopi Tribal Council**  
**Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

**With a Quorum present, meeting was called to Order.**

## Correspondence:

- Letter from Harry Nutumya: Re: Dual Grazing (referred to Land Commission). Add to agenda for discussion
- Letter from Troy Honahnie, Jr: Request to be added to Land Commission's Agenda to provide communication and collaboration between tribal nations as a liaison for non-profit organizations (Documents provided by Honahnie)
- Email from Darren Talayumptewa: Re: Priority Discussion of DNR and Services

**Approval of Agenda:** Commission approved adding items a, b, and c to *New Business*.

## Old Business:

- Update on the Land Settlement restricted and unrestricted account's current values/balances. Fred Lomayesva, OGC, Vernon Cole or Rockefeller representative and Treasurer (Committee request to keep on agenda until actual report on balances is provided).

Deputy General Counsel Carlene Tenakhongva reported the matter is being re searched and is coming soon.

Comments from Land Commission members mentioned General Counsel Lomayesva said there is a pretty good handle on the account balances; however, HTC has to determine how previous drawdowns from the accounts are to be accessed.

- Status Update on Verizon Lease: Amy Mignella/OGC, Fred Lomayesva/Realty (Amy Mignella to provide a written report to Realty w/copy to Water/Energy Committee). Mignella is on leave and not available.

- OGC reported they received permission to engage Verizon directly in an attempt to get more information for the Tribe concerning the lease and Hopi Telecom, Inc is assisting.

- Realty department is waiting on Office of General Counsel (OGC) MS Mignella to resolve several issues identified by OGC's office with present leases.

- Update on Eagle Compact Commission– Priscilla Pavatea

- MS Pavatea reported letters were sent to candidates identified by DNR departments and agreed to the Land Commission (LC) received no reply by deadline set in the letter.

- One person contacted DNR to inquire and mentioned they would consider sitting on the commission.

- LC requested DNR reach out and check with other candidates. (Since this meeting there has been several contacted and expressed interested and others declined)

- Update on Tuba City Dump Site Closures /Committee

- The last information on dump is from the meeting with BIA, EPA, and Tribe.

- In that meeting, BIA and EPA heard from the Hopi Tribe requesting the option to remove contents from the dump to an off-reservation site.

- There is a huge gap in the funds available and the US Government Agencies said they will look for funds to fulfill the removal.

- LC will ask Chairman Nuvangyaoma to contact BIA for an update on Tuba City dump issue

## New Business:

- Letter dated 2.14.22 from Tribal Secretary to Harry Nutumya– Referred to Land Commission re: Dual Grazing. LC discussed the issue and several items came from the discussion:

- Question: Was Nutumya given a citation?

- Answer: (HLES) No, he was given a warning.

- Does Nutumya have a land assignment and was his livestock with in his land assignment?

- Answer: No one at the meeting has knowledge of the boundaries of the land assignment. Also, livestock were observed walking to and from a windmill unattended.

- LC will reach out to Nutumya to see if will provide his land assignment to see if there is record of the assignment

- LC asked if OGC can provide a legal prospective.

- LC is considering inviting Nutumya to next LC meeting.

- Letter dated 2.10.22 to Land Commission from Troy Honahnie, Jr ., Requesting to be added to the Land Commission's Agenda re: *To provide communication and collaboration between tribal nations as a liaison for non-profit organizations* (Documents provided by Honahnie Jr in comm. packets). Troy Honahnie was introduced and was given the floor.

- He mentioned that non-profit organizations have reached out to him in their effort to work with the Hopi Tribe.

- Previously in his staff position in Vice Chairman Tenakhongva's office he worked with various non-profits with Bear's Ears issue and they continue contacting him.

- Honahnie asked the LC if they were interested in maintaining contact with the various non-profits and issues they are engaged in.

- LC agreed they would carefully look at the various issues and positions of the non-profits and maintain contact accordingly.

- LC asked Honahnie to keep LC apprised of issues from the non-profits.

- LC directed him to contact CPO and work with them on various issues.

- CPO commented their office is busy and welcome the fact that Troy reaches out to them on these issues. They are glad that he is able to listen and able to work with CPO to give the Hopi perspective on issues.

- Email dated 3.14.22 from Darren Talayumptewa re: Priority Discussion of DNR and the Service

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service South West Regional Liaison request io speak with Hopi about priorities, issues, or any other way to improve relations with their office.

- This will be a formal consultation and DNR Darren Talayumptewa is open to have LC to participate in the consultation

## Reports- Submit Written Reports:

Virgil Pinto, Chief of HLES

Stewart Koyiyumptewa, Director of CPO

Darren Talayumptewa, Director of WEMP

Edison Tutsi, Director of OHL

Robinson Honani, Acting ORM Director

Priscilla Pavatea – Interim Director of DNR

**Adjournment, Next Regular Meeting:** April 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

## How to Grow a Three Sisters Garden

### Who are the Three Sisters?

For many Native American communities, three seeds – corn, beans, and squash – represent the most important crops. They complement each other in the garden as well as nutritionally.

Corn provides tall stalks for the beans to climb, beans provide nitrogen to fertilize the soil while also stabilizing the tall corn during heavy winds, and the large squash leaves shade out weeds and help retain soil moisture. Corn provides carbohydrates and the dried beans are rich in protein and have amino acids absent from corn. Squash provides different vitamins and minerals. Together they provide a complete, balanced diet.

The tradition of calling these crops the “Three Sisters” originated with the Iroquois, where these seeds were planted together in the same mound. In the Southwest there is a tradition of planting the sisters together as well, as in separate fields with wide plant spacing to maximize limited water.

Planting these three crops together offers interdisciplinary learning opportunities about biodiversity, companion planting, and Native American culture for gardeners of all ages and backgrounds.

### When to Plant

The crops grown in a Three Sisters Garden are warm season crops and do not tolerate frost. Plant seeds for the three sisters outside with the spring or summer planting periods. It is recommended directly planting all these types of seeds as they will fare better than transplants.

Sister Corn should be planted first so it can grow tall above the other crops.

Plant seeds for Sister Bean 2-3 weeks later, or at least when the corn is a few inches tall.

Plant the Squash seeds one week later after the beans have emerged.

### What Varieties to Plant

The corn should be a tall variety so the bean plants have plenty of room to climb and do not overcrowd the corn. The bean variety should not be a bush bean. Lima, runner, and common bean types do best. Teparies often receive too much water and humidity in this type of planting and do not grow well. Traditional squash varieties can grow vines up to 15 feet long and therefore need adequate space to sprawl. Consider growing more compact summer squash varieties if you do not have much space. Be sure to choose varieties that fit your elevation.

### Three Sisters Field

This layout is ideal for corn pollination because the corn is planted in a large block.

Plant corn 1-3 inches deep, 6-12 inches apart. The size of the interior block of corn can vary but ideal is at least 5 plants on each side.

The pole beans can be planted 1 inch deep and close enough to climb the corn, 3-12 inches away. Allow the corn to emerge and grow 4 inches high before planting the beans.

Plant squash in a row back 3 feet from a bean row. Plant 2-3 seeds per location 3 feet apart.





# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA

## 2nd Quarter Session

### April, 2022 Agenda

#### I. Call To Order

#### II. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives

Village of Sipaulovi

#### III. Roll Call

#### IV. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

#### V. Announcements

#### VI. Correspondence

#### VII. Calendar Planning

#### VIII. Approval of Minutes

#### IX. Approval of Agenda

#### X. Unfinished Business

**1. Discussion/Possible Action:** Letter dated July 30, 2021 Re: Request to rescind Executive Order #011-2021 and directs the Drought Task Team to reach out to Hopi ranchers and Navajo Accommodation Agreement signers to work on identifying alternatives for addressing drought issues on Hopi lands. Letter dated August 16, 2021 Re: Executive Order #011-2021 Range Mitigation and Livestock Reduction. Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **TABLED**

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**3. Letter dated January 28, 2022** from Gene Kuwanqaftewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Board of Directors (HTEDC), Re: Appointment of Ms. Nicole Johnson as HTEDC Board Member, for ratification and further research by the Office of Tribal Secretary on HTEDC Policies. Anita Bahnimptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi. **TABLED**

**4. Discussion and Possible Action:** Letter dated February 16, 2022 from Phillip Quochoyewa, Sr., Re: Disappointment and frustration in the way Hopi Tribal Council meetings have been conducted in allowing KUYI to air and broadcast all meetings of the Hopi Tribal Council. Herman G. Honanie, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. **\*\*Time Certain: April 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

**5. Discussion and Possible Action:** Letter dated February 10, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Re: Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **\*\*Time Certain: April 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Action Item #033-2022:** Accepting Improving Shared Decision Making about Cancer Screening Among American Indian Women Experiencing Intellectual Disabilities Program presentation and approval to submit a professional manuscript to the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (or equivalent academic journal) entitled, "Adapting a Cancer Screening Education Program for Native American Women with Disabilities. Author Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer

Support Services. **\*\*Time Certain: April 5, 2022, 11:00 a.m.**

**2. Action Item #038-2022:** Hopi Tribe's FY 2022 Application for Attorney's Fees and Litigation Support program in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Author Frederick Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel. **\*\*Time Certain: April 5, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

**3. Action Item #039-2022:** To approve and authorize the procurement of 2022 John Deere 210L Tractor and a 2022 John Deere 544P Loader for the Hopi Department of Transportation Road Maintenance Program. Author Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation.

**4. Action Item #040-2022:** To approve completed Enrollment applications for Hopi Membership. Author Tanya L. Monroe, Director, Enrollment Office.

**5. Action Item #041-2022:** Procure 2022 Insurance Policies for the Hopi Tribe. Author Edgar Shupla, Director, Office of Facilities and Risk Management Services

**6. Opioid Settlement and signing of Participation Agreement.** Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. **\*\*Time Certain: April 4, 2022, 10:30 am**

**7. Discussion of a motion to vacate judgment in the Flagstaff v. Hopi Tribe case.** Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. **\*\*Time Certain: April 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

**8. Interview for a position on the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (1 candidate)** **\*\*Time Certain: April 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

**9. Hopi Tribal Council's meeting with members of Village of Hotevilla,** Re: Letter dated January 25, 2022 from Veranita Selestewa regarding Lease with Cellular One, CARES Funding and Water Tank Issue. **\*Time Certain: April 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Hopi Veterans Memorial Center**

**10. Discussion of letter from local nonprofit organizations,** requesting consideration of need for additional office space. Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe.

**11. Discussion/Presentation of opportunities for Blue Sage (Kendall Kee) and the Hopi Tribe collaborating to provide a cultural behavioral health service to tribal members.** Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe.

**12. Presentation of Comprehensive evaluation and analysis from three (3) day workshop by Amy J. Wilson.** Rosa Honani Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi.

**13. Presentation of Enrollment Ordinance No. 33 by Tanya Monroe, Director, Hopi Office of Enrollment.** Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi.

#### 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

a. Investigation re: Turquoise Well/Tawa'ovi Site – David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi.

6. Office of the General Counsel

7. Land Commission

a. Letter dated January 18, 2022 from Harry Nutumya Re: Dual Grazing. Referred to Law and Order Committee and Land Commission for review and action and report back to Hopi Tribal Council. Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi

8. Water/Energy Committee

9. Transportation Committee

10. Law & Order Committee

a. Letter dated January 10, 2022 from Marla Dacawyma Re: Mr. Issac Torivio (Deceased). Referred to Law and Order Committee for review and action and report back to Hopi Tribal Council. Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi

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c. Report on information received on the Planning and Design of the Detention Facility. Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

d. Discussion with the Tribal Courts and Prosecutor's Office on long time issues. Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

e. Audit Reviews of Hopi Law Enforcement by the BIA - Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

11. Investment Committee

12. Health/Education Committee: Report on Letter dated January 17, 2022 from Dale Siquah Re: Request that Health & Education Committee conduct an inquiry into changes to new construction plans at the Hopi Health Care Center. Referred to Health & Education Committee. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

13. Report/Discussion of very sensitive issue in Executive Session: Phillip Quochoyewa, Sr., Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. **\*\*Time Certain: April 4, 2022, 1pm.**

14. Report: Hopi Assisted Living Facility, Board of Directors, Hopi Assisted Living Facility. **\*\*Time Certain: April 6, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

15. Report on procedures for processing requisitions and a corrective action plan on addressing the issue of backlogged requisitions in Finance. Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA

## 1st Quarter Session January, 2022, COMPLETE

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives**  
Village of Sipaulovi

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

**V. Announcements**

**VI. Correspondence**

**VII. Calendar Planning**

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

**IX. Approval of Agenda**

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**XI. New Business**

1. Letter dated December 22, 2021 from Phillip Quochyewa, Sr., re: Follow-up to Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-071-2021 to correct the Relocation of Employees of the Department of Natural Resources to the Turquoise Well/Tawa'ovi site. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

2. Memorandum dated December 16, 2021 from Brant Honahnie re: Employment Resignation. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi

3. Letter dated December 20, 201 from Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; re: Hopi Law Enforcement documents pertaining to contract renewal. Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

4. Hazardous Pay for employees, frontline workers. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi

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10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMPLETED ITEMS**

- Oath of Office**  
Tribal Secretary - COMPLETE  
Treasurer - COMPLETE  
Sergeant-at-Arms - COMPLETE

Chief Revenue Officer - COMPLETE

**Certification of Tribal Council Representatives:**  
Upper Village of Moenkopi. COMPLETE

**Unfinished Business**

1. Letter dated October 5, 2021 Re: Walpi Housing Management. Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe (Referred to Investment Committee) COMPLETE

2. Potential partnership and project with Basalt World Corporation for the Hopi Tribe. Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. COMPLETE

**New Business**

1. Action Item #004-2022: To approve contract with Antol and Sherman, P.C. to provide conflict counsel services to the Hopi Tribe. Author Marc S. Roy, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Courts. APPROVED

2. Update on Tuba City Dump: Amy Mignella, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Michael Goodstein, Attorney. \*\*Time Certain- January 4, 2022, 9a.m. - 12noon. COMPLETE

3. Arizona Public Service Rate Case Appeal: Amy Mignella, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Mr. Michael Goodstein, Attorney. \*\*Time Certain - January 4, 2022, 1:00 p.m. COMPLETE

4. Letter dated December 12, 2021 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Bear Clan Elder/Village Leader of Mishongnovi Village; re: Council Representatives Delores Coochyamptewa and Pansy Edmo. Phillip Quochyewa, Sr., Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi (Referred back to Village of Mishongnovi). COMPLETE

**Reports**

Report from Lobbyist, Washington, D.C.- Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. COMPLETE

## Hopi Law Enforcement Services March 2022 Report

HLES provides this report as a service to the citizens of the Hopi Reservation. HLES reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports, which may not be available or are currently under investigation. During the month of MARCH 2022, Hopi Law Enforcement Services responded to a total of 911 calls for service.

Accident	14	Juvenile Complaint	2
Agency Assist	18	Medical Call	41
Alarm	6	Suicide	2
Alcohol/Drug Offense/DUI	81	Suicidal Ideation	2
Animal/Livestock/ Range enforcement call	90	Property Damage/Vandalism	9
Assault	8	Road Check	6
Attempt to Locate/Missing Person	16	Sex Offense	1
Breaking & Entering	9	Shooting	1
Child Abuse	2	SORNA Registration	12
Civil Disputes/Citizens Assist	32	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	21
Disorderly Conduct	7	Theft/Fraud	6
Elderly Abuse	1	Traffic Offense	147
Event	2	Threatening	3
Fight/DV	20	Wanted Person	2
Fire/Controlled Burn	15	Weapons Offense	1
Gas Leak	1	Welfare/Property/Security Check	312
Harassment	1	Removal: Unwanted Person	4
Information	16	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>911</b>

**DRUGS SEIZED:**

319.32 total grams Marijuana  
24.03 total grams Methamphetamine  
0.82 total grams Cocaine  
3.045 total grams Fentanyl  
1630.18 total ounces Alcohol

**CASH SEIZED: \$4516.30**

**TOTAL ARRESTS: 54**  
(41 booked and 13 cited and released/charges filed)

In March, HLES responded to 14 vehicle accidents and reminds drivers to obey traffic control signs and speed limits and to drive cautiously.

Several methamphetamine and fentanyl seizures occurred throughout the reservation.

HLES encourages the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

**DISCLAIMER:** An arrest is not an indication of guilt, all parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Initial charges can be reduced or dropped at the discretion of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor Office.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services can be reached at 928-734-7340 for emergency calls for service. For HLES Administration, Records requests or non-emergencies call 928-734-7344. ###

**The Great Gift of Easter  
Is Hope**

**HOPI JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
HANDBOOK  
WORK SESSIONS**



**APRIL 12TH  
&  
APRIL 26TH  
6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM  
HJSHS LIBRARY**

**ZOOM LINK:  
[HTTPS://HJSHS-ORG.ZOOM.US/J/84984935218](https://hjsHS-ORG.ZOOM.US/j/84984935218)  
MEETING ID: 849 8493 5218  
CALL IN: 1(669)900-6833**

The purpose for the work sessions is to update and revise the Parent Involvement Handbook.

This is a great opportunity to improve school-home connections by collaborating and sharing ideas for parent involvement and engagement.

For more information or any questions, please contact the HJSHS Director of Federal Programs at (928)738-1418 or lbaheeshjsHS.org.

**NOT SURE IF YOU NEED TO BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?**

CDC's COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool can help you.



- ✓ Know what kind of test you need
- ✓ Understand next steps based on your test result

Get started at [bit.ly/covid-testing-tool](https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool)

**DON'T DELAY: TEST SOON AND TREAT EARLY**

| COVID-19 |

If you are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, and test positive, treatment may be available.



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**VILLAGE CRIER Publication Dates**

The Village Crier is published on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. All submissions: may be sent to Editor/Publisher: [Lnahsonhoya@gmail.com](mailto:Lnahsonhoya@gmail.com)

Issue No.	Submission Due Date	Publish Date
8	4/20/2022	4/26/2022
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10	5/18/2022	5/24/2022
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12	6/22/2022	6/28/2022
13	7/6/2022	7/12/2022
14	7/20/2022	7/26/2022
15	8/3/2022	8/09/2022
16	8/17/2022	8/23/2022
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20	10/19/2022	10/25/2022
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23	12/7/2022	12/13/2022
24	12/21/2022	12/27/2022

**For Emergencies**

**DIAL 9-1-1**

**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 April for those 5 years 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: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:15-9:30 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 Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline so that contact tracing can be done and accurate data is provided to the community.

**SECOND BOOSTER NOW AVAILABLE FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS AND CERTAIN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS:**

Below are the eligibility requirements to receive the 2nd booster dose:

- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are living with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.
- A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromise.
- People who received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for their first shot and booster

**FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS:**

You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. government at [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov) by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489). Only 4 tests come in an order and only two orders per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Please do not wait to order your tests when you have been exposed or become symptomatic as the tests will not arrive in enough time for you to be tested. So please order them now so that you and your loved ones can be prepared. Households that did not place their first order of test kits, can now place their first AND second order. They must complete the ordering process above two (2) times to place both a first and second order (for a total of 8 test kits).

**FREE N-95 MASKS:**

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**First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Representatives Report Card**

FMCV Council Reps. Are required to make monthly reports and updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to 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.

2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr	2021 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	√√	√	√	√	January	√	√	√	√
February	√√√	√√	√	√	February	√	√	0	√
March	√√√	√√	√	√	March	√	0	√	√
April	√√√	0	√	√	April	√	√	0	√
May					May	√	√	0	0
June					June	√	√	√	√
July					July	√	√	√	√
August					August	√/√	√	0	√
September					September	√/√	√	0	√
October					October	√/√	√	√	√
November					November	√	√	0	0
December					December	√	0	√	√

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From Page 1: Ty Cody Silas



Ty Cody Silas shows his skills in the Ribbon Roping Event



Ty Silas and partner Winkie Crrook (Hopi/Hualapai): Sichomovi/Peach Springs

## Through the Eyes of the Eagle Diabetes Prevention Stories for Native Children

BY: Janette Carter, Georgia Perez, Susan Gilliland (1999)  
Experience of the Native American Diabetes Project.

A young Indian boy named *Rain That Dances* lived in a small Indian village. The village was near the foot of a high mountain. The big city was not too far away. *Rain that Dances* was a happy little boy. He liked to play with his friends. He also liked to sing and dance with the men in the village. On this beautiful day with the sky so blue, *Rain That Dances* was fishing along a small stream near his home.

As he waited for the fish to bite, he saw a great bald eagle. The eagle was resting on an old tree stump not far from where he sat. He had never seen this great bird so close. Now eagles always fly away when a person comes too close. But for some reason, this great bird just stayed where he was as *Rain That Dances* came close to the bird. *Rain That Dances* thought the eagle was hurt and could not fly away. As he got closer, *Rain That Dances* saw the bird was not hurt at all.

"Mr. Eagle, what is wrong with you?" *Rain That Dances* asked aloud. "There must be something else wrong with the great bird." But he did not know what it was. "Maybe the eagle will tell me what is wrong," So he asked the bird again, "What is wrong? Why didn't you fly away when I got close to you?" The eagle looked at the young boy and said, "I am just too tired and sad because of all the things I see as I fly around this great land."

*Rain That Dances* gave the bird a surprised look and asked, "What do you mean? I look around here and it is just beautiful! See, the sun is shining. There are beautiful white clouds in the sky. The river has plenty of fish for you to eat, even though the fish won't bite my fishhook. So there is nothing to be sad about."

"You are right! It still looks beautiful!" replied the eagle. But the great bird thought about the stories the Old Wise Eagle used to tell about the things he saw as he flew around. Now things had changed.

The great bird said to *Rain That Dances*, "As I soar high above the clouds, I see the beauty of the world around me. I see the high peaks of the mountains. I see the valleys below where the water flows in the rivers. I have seen Brother Sun greet each morning of a new day with sunlight. I have seen him say good

night as Sister Moon comes to light up the dark sky."

The eagle continued, "The Old Wise Eagle told me stories about the things he saw with each new day. He saw the bear, the buffalo, and the deer. And he saw your people being very active. Those days were hard. But your people all worked together and shared everything. Hard work and being active was a way of life for everyone."

The eagle told *Rain That Dances* how years ago, the men worked hard to take care of everyone in the village. They had strong, healthy bodies. They used to hunt for buffalo and deer for this was food for the village. The women worked hard taking care of their families. They planted seeds in Mother Earth to grow the foods that kept their families healthy and strong. The children helped with the chores. But they also played with each other.

"Now as I fly around, I do not see the children playing and moving around like the Old Wise Eagle used to see. Children are also eating foods that are not so good for them. That makes me sad."

"Why should this make you sad?" asked *Rain That Dances*.

"I am sad because this makes people get sick. They are not as healthy as they can be," said the eagle. "Many of your elders are sick now with a disease they call type 2 diabetes. And the young people might get it too unless they make changes in their lives."

*Rain That Dances* was quiet for a few minutes as he thought about the people in the village. He thought of the elders who could no longer see the beauty around them because their eyes could not see. He thought about the people who were sick. He also thought of the people who could no longer walk but used wheelchairs to get around. He had never thought of these things before but now knew the eagle was right.

"You do have reasons to be sad," said *Rain That Dances*. "Now I am sad too. What can I do to help my people be strong and healthy again?"

The eagle looked at the young boy and said, "I had a dream last night about this very thing."

*Rain That Dances* got a big smile on his

face, jumped up and asked, "What can I tell them?"

The eagle said, "There is much to tell." You can let your people know that there are things they can do now. They can be healthy and will not have to get diabetes. Going back to some of their traditions, such as the food their ancestors used to eat, becoming active once again, and passing those traditions on to their children are important. In my vision, your people hold the answers. They just have to think back. Now it is getting late and you need to get home. If you come back tomorrow, I will be here. I will tell you more of what your people can do to be healthy and strong again."

*Rain That Dances* left the eagle. He will come back the next day. He knew what the eagle was telling him was true. He had seen his people get sick with this disease. Now he has a chance to learn what his people can do to be healthy again. He also has a new friend, the great bald eagle.

"Tomorrow is a new day," *Rain That Dances* said with a smile on his face. He waved goodbye to the eagle. "I'll see you tomorrow and I will bring my best friend with me."

The eagle also wants you to hear what he has to say. Please join *Rain That Dances* in reading "**Knees Lifted High**," in the next publication.

This book is the first in a four-book series developed by the CDC's Native Diabetes Wellness Program. We are hoping that, with the support of tribes and organizations, these books can be made available to every American Indian and Alaska Native child as a tool to be integrated with other dedicated efforts at tribal, state, and national levels to prevent type 2 diabetes for future generations.

For more information, please contact the CDC at: Phone: Toll free 1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: 1-888-232-6348, 24/7 E-Mail: [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov) Website: [www.cdc.gov/diabetes](http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes)

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