



Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot for Upcoming Tribal Elections is July 29, 2021

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HOPI CALENDAR

Tala' Kyelmuyayaw
Going Home Moon

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

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- July 20, 1942: Hopi potter Nampeyo died
- 1540: First Spanish contact with Hopi at Awat'ovi, by Pedro de Tovar
- July 22: PL 885-547 signed into law, which resulted in the start of Healing vs. Jones case re: land rights for Hopi and Navajo related to 1882 boundaries.

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My Vision for the Hopi-Tewa Sinom

By: David Norton Talayumptewa
2021 Candidate for Chairman of the Hopi Tribe

My name is David Norton Talayumptewa, a life-long resident of Kykotsmovi village. My education and career pursuits temporarily took me from my homeland for a time. When I came back, I brought expertise in governance, policy, politics, and Native American education issues to my home. My education and career background gave me a clear understanding of the federal responsibility for delivering education and other trust services to Hopi and other Indian tribes.

I have been privileged to serve as Tribal Council Representative for Kykotsmovi village since December 2016. I am passionate about creating positive work environments, supporting growth of future leaders, facilitating responsible economic development, enhancing the Hopi language and history, and establishing open lines of communication with Hopi-Tewa Sinom.

Since serving on the Tribal Council, I heard the voices of our Sinom who have been marginalized and believe they have been neglected by their government. It is my vision to bring positive changes for Hopi-Tewa Sinom and provide



David Norton Talayumptewa, Candidate for Chairman of the Hopi Tribe

a role with my administration to help plan the future for their families, their communities, and generations of our Hopi yet to come.

Itàa tunatya aw antini
My vision for the Hopi

Tribe is wide-ranging. Briefly, two of the primary elements include strengthening Hopi language and knowledge of our culture and history. It is clear that the core element that makes us

Hopi – our language – is fading. A key aspect of my Vision is to reassert our language, culture, and history so our future generations will know who they are.

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Monsoon Rains Flood Polacca Wash Spilling into Family Residential area



Wash Overflowing and Spilling into Polacca Community

First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Polacca Wash has been filling with sediment for several years due to overgrowth of wild bushes and flood waters are now spilling over the wash bank after the recent monsoon storm.

Two earthen dams in the Low Mountain area had given way and sent waters gushing down the wash into the Polacca Community.

The flood threatened several homes and damaged roads in the area.

Families were told to be ready to evacuate when given notice. One family has been displaced after waters flooded heir home.

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administrator Ivan Sidney contacted families and offered the Community Building as temporary shelter, where the family of eight are now sheltering.

Pastor DaeJun Park from the First Mesa Baptist Village Church immediately reached out and provided sleeping bags, blankets, food and water. Community members and organizations also donated food and

other items. Of great concern is the waters are now at the verge of spilling into First Mesa's eastern sewage manhole which will eventually put mud into the pipes and cause a major problem. The east to west sewer drainage line is very deep and will be very costly to repair in the event of a blockage.

The water is now only a few feet to reach the top of Polacca Bridge.

The FMCV leaders encourage everyone to take caution when driving.

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Uptick in COVID-19 cases on Hopi

By: Louella N Furcap, the Village Crier Editor

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) office was recently informed of persons in the Polacca area testing positive for the coronavirus.

On July 23, Hopi Health & Human Services Director Royce Jenkins issued a report stating, "On July 12th there was only one COVID-19 positive case reported. Today the numbers have increased to 25 throughout our reservation. I make it my personal responsibility to ask everyone I come in contact with to get vaccinated, wear a mask, be aware of your distancing and sanitize! We all need to do the same and make it our personal responsibility. We owe it ourselves, our families and friends to remain healthy and safe! These last two weeks I have seen our number of COVID-19 cases increase to an alarmingly number. As we travel on and off the reservation, let's be mindful and keep our guard up! Again, if you

are not fully vaccinated, be sure to wear a mask, wash hands frequently, and maintain six-foot distancing, continue to wear your mask and avoid large gatherings all together."

FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney said, "The coronavirus is still very active and the Delta variant is now the dominant strain in the US, including Arizona. The surrounding Navajo Nation has reported several more individuals testing positive for coronavirus and now the Delta variant. It is extremely important this be taken seriously and we continue to mitigate against the virus. We overcame a devastating period, when many of our villagers died from covid-19."

The First Mesa leadership encourages everyone to practice safe and healthy protocols and remain vigilant.

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Hopi Tribal Council Still Unable to Convene in Legislative Chamber

By: Ivan L. Sidney
FMCV Administrator

It is alarming that the Hopi Tribal Council, our legislative body, remains homeless since March 2020. When the novel coronavirus struck our homeland, immediate emergency actions were implemented to save lives. Including the immediate closure all businesses, tribal and federal offices, schools and the Hopi Tribal Council Chambers.

The Hopi Tribe Constitution and By-Laws, Article II – *Meetings of the Council* states: “Regular meetings of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first day of December, March, June and September, **at such places as shall be determined by the Council**”. In the beginning, the Hopi Tribal Council held meetings in one of the buildings at the now Hopi Day School in Kytotsmovi. This set a precedence that the Hopi Tribal Council reserve the right (authority) to hold meetings at any location. In this same By-Laws, Article II, Section 4, in part, states the following: “All members of the Hopi Tribe may attend any meetings of the Council”.

The Hopi Constitution under Article IV – The Tribal Council, Section 6, states the following, “**No business shall be done unless at least a majority of the members are present**”. The question is the meaning of the word present. According to most interpretation, present means to be physically at a council meeting. Court Orders use the word, “Present” to require or mandate a physical

presence in court.

As a legislative body, the Hopi Tribal Council meetings must follow rules to ensure that enactments of council actions are according to official process. Since the closure of the Council Chamber over a year ago, meetings have been held via conference calls. At the beginning, some Hopi Tribal Council Representatives held meetings at the Hopi Jr./Sr. High School with its large space for distancing and the school’s internet connection availability.

Immediately, there was hesitation of this meeting place by the Chairman and some Tribal Council members. Only the *Tribal Council shall determine the place of the meeting*, not the Chairman. At the inception, or beginning of the Council, Officers of the Council including the Chairman, were selected from the members of the Tribal Council during its first meeting in December. So, in essence, the Chairman was a member of the Hopi Tribal Council until the amendment to the Constitution which established the General Elections for Chairman and Vice Chairman. However, the duties of the Chairman remain, only as the presiding officer. The Hopi Tribal Government remains only as a legislative and judicial branch. No Executive Branch was ever established, which requires according to the constitution, that the Chairman is given authority from the Tribal Council.

The question for over a

year now is, how the voting of tribal council is recognized to be official through teleconference. The Tribal Secretary must verify each vote of the council to be placed on record. With the distant meetings, how are votes verified without physical and visual support?

Our Tribal Council is entrusted by the Hopi People to be fairly and impartially represented. So, with distant meetings, is our trust of governmental operations now breached? A normal practice of Tribal Council would be to request the opinion of its General Counsel. However, at the time of the writing of the Constitution and record of the author, Oliver LaFarge, he included in his writings that the constitution was a result of meetings with all the villages. With this input, any interpretation must come from the people, especially Council representing the villages, and not lawyers. It is my opinion that we are in this turmoil due to the years of legal interpretations by lawyers and not our leaders and people.

For over a year, live meetings of the United States Congress and Arizona State Legislature have been broadcast on television, in full session and in its own meeting place. Plexiglas partitioning, improved communication equipment, disinfecting practices, temperature checks, mask requirements and attendance restrictions were immediately implemented to continue meetings of these legislative bodies.

Why were provisions not immediately made to the Tribal Council chamber? This can be viewed as disrespect by the Tribal Administration, supported by the Chairman, the official governing body of the Hopi People. As an example, our Traditional and Religious leaders must have excess to its Kivas at all times to conduct sacred rituals and ceremonies, not elsewhere or by communications. The Administration must immediately make a directive to open its official meeting place with all safeguards and protocols in place

The Hopi people are now saying this was a political ploy to keep the Tribal Council away from tribal offices. The Council is now asking who is authorizing governmental structural change, only reserved to the Tribal Council. This occurrence and recent unauthorized expenditures from the CARES Act funds prove constitutional violations. The Tribal Council must enforce mandates of the constitution and employ administrators who will respect and follow tribal policy. The Council must immediately hold those responsible and require disciplinary actions. These actions are mandated by taking the oath of office as members of the Hopi Tribal Council, to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe.

Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Albert T. Siquah, Sr.
Representing First Mesa
Consolidated Villages

Hopi Tribal Housing Authority

The Housing Authority is in the process of working with the Hopi Tribe on an opportunity offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Agency, under a BIA Rescue Plan Home Improvement Plan through a 638 contract. This effort could possibly generate \$421,557.00 for the Hopi Tribe.

Additional information will be provided as the process continues.

Education

The Hopi Tribal Council Passed Resolution # 026-2021, amending the Hopi Education Code.

The amendment allows appointment of individuals to the School Board of the Consolidated Hopi Education System.

This amendment was recommended because of the lack of candidates to hold an election.

This will allow individuals to be appointed by the Tribal Council.

Summer School has begun throughout Hopi Schools. Please support our youth by encouraging and getting them to school.

We thank the School Staff for their tireless efforts in providing an education to our children during a stressful school year. Keep up the good work!

Continue to pray for strength and rain.

Hopi shall prevail!

Expenses to Operate Water System Continue to Increase

By: Brannon Sidney
FMCV Accountant

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages administration office continues to experience high cost of electricity billings from Arizona Public Service.

FMCV’s electric bills are now averaging \$3,800 a month due to the increase in pumping water from the wells and storage tanks to Polacca residential homes, businesses, schools, the Hopi Health Care Center and Dialysis Center.

Another contributor to the high water bill expense is water hauling for cattle, irrigating cornfields and gardens, as well as construction entities on Hopi in need of water for (home) development around our reservation (HUD/HHA).

While FMCV has been providing water to outside entities and villages; there is a limit on bulk water. First Mesa-Polacca Customers are a priority.

We remain committed to operating the Polacca Water System and remind everyone to conserve water.

With the HAMP and Water Meter installation project in progress, it will help to conserve water as we await the completion of HAMP and replacement of a 25 year old system, high in arsenic.

Notice to Delinquent Water Customers

By Meredith Qotswisiwma, Water Clerk

Letters were mailed to Customers with delinquent accounts informing them to remit payment immediately, or risk having their water shut off. Unpaid accounts will result in water shut off in August. Customers are encouraged to contact the water office immediately to make payment.

A grace period for late fees was granted from March 2020 to July 2021.

Telephone lines are now open for credit card payments from 8am-5pm,

Monday to Friday. Money Order payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 260 Polacca, AZ 86042 or dropped off in the Drop Box located outside next to the door between 8am-5pm. No cash payments will be accepted.

The delinquent payment process is no different from any utility company re: non-payment collections. In fact, other utility companies will use collection services collect and garnish wages.

All this is in preparation for the new HAMP water

that will soon be here. Construction is on target and is expected to be complete according to schedule. Once complete, FMCV’s plan is to turn the new water and sewer services to the Hopi Utility Corporation to manage. They most likely will not allow non-payments.

You may now call 928-737-2670 between 8am-5pm, if you have questions or to make payment. The Office continues to operate by telephone business only.

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My vision also includes fostering responsible economic development for the benefit of the Hopi-Tewa Sinom. I have engaged with my colleagues on the Tribal Council to identify and explore prospective economic partnerships with potential to replace lost revenues. These revenues are needed to continue to serve our communities.

My service on the Tribal Council taught me that we can achieve our priorities through partnerships, collaboration, and respectful exchange with village leaders and Council colleagues.

Some of my key legislative achievements include sponsoring the Hopi Education Code through its enactment, serving as champion of the Villages Against Meth legislation, and working with Tribal Council Representatives and First Mesa traditional leaders to conclude the ground lease for the IHS health facility. I have a proven record of leadership, collaboration, cooperation, and accomplishment to lead our Tribe.

Leading the Sovereign Hopi Tribe with Respect, Values and Vision

The future of the Hopi Tribe is at a crossroads. As a tribe, we face critical challenges that must be addressed if we are to provide the future of hope and promise that our Sinom deserve.

My work experiences have produced a record of effective leadership that includes working collaboratively with other leaders, a history of successfully engaging and managing professionals, and creating workable solutions to the challenges of our day.

We need a transformative candidate for Chairman who will move our Hopi Tribe forward.

I welcome the opportunity to share details of my Vision, and how we, together, can move the Hopi Tribe forward.

I encourage all eligible voters to express their voices by Voting on September 9 and November 11.



Talayumtewa

Notice to Hopi Tribal Members Re: upcoming Hopi Elections

Hopi Elections Office

Hopi Voters will go to the Polls on September 9, 2021, to cast their votes in the Hopi Primary Election. Pursuant to the Hopi Tribe Constitution and By-Laws re: the Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman Election process. With only two contenders for Hopi Vice Chairman, their names will Not appear on the Ballot in the Primary Election; but will automatically be posted in the General Election.

Eligibility to Vote in the Hopi Tribal Elections

- Be a member of the Hopi Tribe, or eligible for membership, as set forth in Article II of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe; and

- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older on election day (Election Ordinance #34).

Hopi Voters are Encouraged to Update Voter Information

The Hopi Election Board encourages all eligible Hopi Voters to update their voter information. If you are a new voter; If you have moved away or back to the Hopi Reservation and have a change of address; If you have a name change; or just to update your voter information, contact the Hopi Tribal Registrar as follows:

- Telephone:** 928-734-2507/2508
- Email:** Karen L. Shupla, Tribal Registrar @ kshupla@hopi.nsn.us

Fax: 1-928-734-1257

Website: www.hopi.nsn.gov> Tribal Government> Hopi Elections Office> Voter Registration Information Form

In Person: Elections Office located at the corner of AZ State Hwy 264 and B.I. A. Rt. 2, Kykotsmovi, Arizona. Mask/face coverings are required.

Absentee ballot

You may request an ABSENTEE BALLOT (Vote by Mail) if you will be away from your polling site on Election Day, or if you would like to vote from your home. The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is JULY 29, 2021. For more information call the Hopi Elections Office at 928-734-2507/2508.

Polling Sites

- Keams Canyon Community Church
- First Mesa Polacca Baptist Church
- Sipaulovi Youth Center
- Mishungnuvi Community Center—
(Will Vote at Sipaulovi Center)
- Shungopavi Community Center
- Kykotsmovi Youth Center
- Oraibi Village Learning Center
- Bacavi Community Center
- Hotevilla Community Center
- Upper Moenkopi Community Center

YOUR VOTE

YOUR VOICE OF CHOICE



HOPI ELECTIONS

ELECTION DATES FOR Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman

Primary: Sep. 9, 2021

General: Nov. 11, 2021

Certified Candidates Vying for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe

Chairman

- David Norton Talayumtewa, Village of Kykotsmovi
- Andrew Stephen Qumyintewa, Village of Hotevilla
- Timothy Loren Nuvangyaoma, Village of Mishongnovi
- Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr., Village of Bacavi

Vice Chairman

- Craig Andrews, Village of Mishungnovi
- Clark Wayne Tenakhongva, Village of Hotevilla

Voting - Your Right and Civic Responsibility



Hopi Voters to Cast Ballots for Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman

By: Louella N Furcap
Village Crier Editor

Hopi registered voters will soon go to the polls to cast their ballots for a Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Hopi Election Board announced Sept. 9 as the Primary Election date and Nov. 11, the General.

The Elections Board conducted a certification process and announced on June 20 that all Petitioners had met the necessary requirements, passed all background checks and were cleared to run as Candidates in the race for the two top leadership positions.

Current Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma and Tribal Council Rep. (Kykotsmovi) David N. Talayumtewa, who faced off in the 2017 gen-

eral election, are among contenders in the race for Chairman, along with Andrew S. Qumyintewa, who is new to the political arena and Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr. former Hopi Vice Chairman.

In the 2017 general election, Nuvangyaoma claimed victory as Chairman over Talayumtewa. After that election was over, a petition was filed in the Hopi Tribal Court to remove Nuvangyaoma, stating he did not meet the Election requirements and should not have been allowed to run in the race due a prior conviction. No one, however, challenged his candidacy during the grievance period and he was sworn into office and serves as current Chair-

man of the Hopi Tribe.

Voters must consider the platform and priorities of each Candidate and consider their education, experience and ability to effectively lead a tribal government.

The Hopi Tribe has been in a financial dilemma since the closure of Peabody Coal Mine from which they received coal royalties and was the main source of revenue for the Tribe.

It would behoove eligible Hopi members to cast their vote and make their voices heard.

The Hopi Tribe needs economic development to bring in jobs and revenue to build the tribal coffers. Essential infrastructure is needed for schools, education, health care, Law

Enforcement and communications. Improvements are needed on current water systems, roads and health services.

The global coronavirus pandemic hit the Hopi Tribe hard without warning, and left a tragic impact on the livelihood of villagers and community members.

Vice Chairman candidates include Incumbent Clark W. Tenakhongva and Craig Andrews, former Hopi Tribal Council Rep. (Mishungnovi).

Pursuant to the Election by-laws, it is not necessary the names of the two VC contenders appear in the primary election since only two are in the race, but will appear in the General.

Using Food Practices to Revitalize Relationships

Submitted by: Valerie Nuvayestewa, Tutskwat Oqawtoynani

Restoring our Indigenous food practices is restoring our relationships not only with food and people, but with the land and waters which could bring about a healthy communication, and a revitalizing of culture and holistic wellness for all of life.

I recall my maternal grandmother, Clarabelle Lewis, I recall my maternal grandmother, Carabelle Lewis “Pink Sayaa” (sayaa means grandmother in Tewa), is what our children called her because she lived in a pink house, sharing stories about her time as a cook for Keams Canyon Boarding School. She would get ready for work around 3:00 a.m. in the morning to catch her ride into Keams Canyon. She lived in Polacca and made sure she got to work on time so she could set the dough for bread and begin preparing food for “her kids”. She took great pride in her cooking and constantly told us to always “taste your food while you are preparing it and before it is served to others.” Nothing was too good for “her kids” and she knew each of them by name. She loved all of them and it showed in the way she prepared their food for them, so much so that when she got old, some of them would still come visit her with their families and bring her food they raised. They shared how much they appreciated my grandmother’s cooking as they knew they were getting a

taste of home, as they themselves were far from their families and their own mother’s cooking.

When pre-made, warm up food was beginning to show up on the scene, she did not want it to be served. The younger cooks she worked with tried to encourage her to use the warmup as it was faster and easier to prepare. She fought against it and was upset that no one seemed to think warm up food was bad for “her kids.” She believed wholly that home-made food, food that was gently crafted with her own caring, loving hands, was the best kind of nourishment she could give to “her kids” and she told them so. Cutting corners for her was never in her cookbook.

What she was trying to get across to the younger cooks was that she was trying to restore a balance within “her kids” through foodways, as food enables us to live and helps our bodies and brains to function at optimum levels, she felt she could restore a balance within the children so their loneliness would lessen and they would begin to feel whole again, thus restoring within the child motivation to learn and receive the education they were being provided in a good way. Using her lived experience as a former boarding school student; she knew how it felt to be away from family. She knew that loneliness and depression affected learning, and she knew

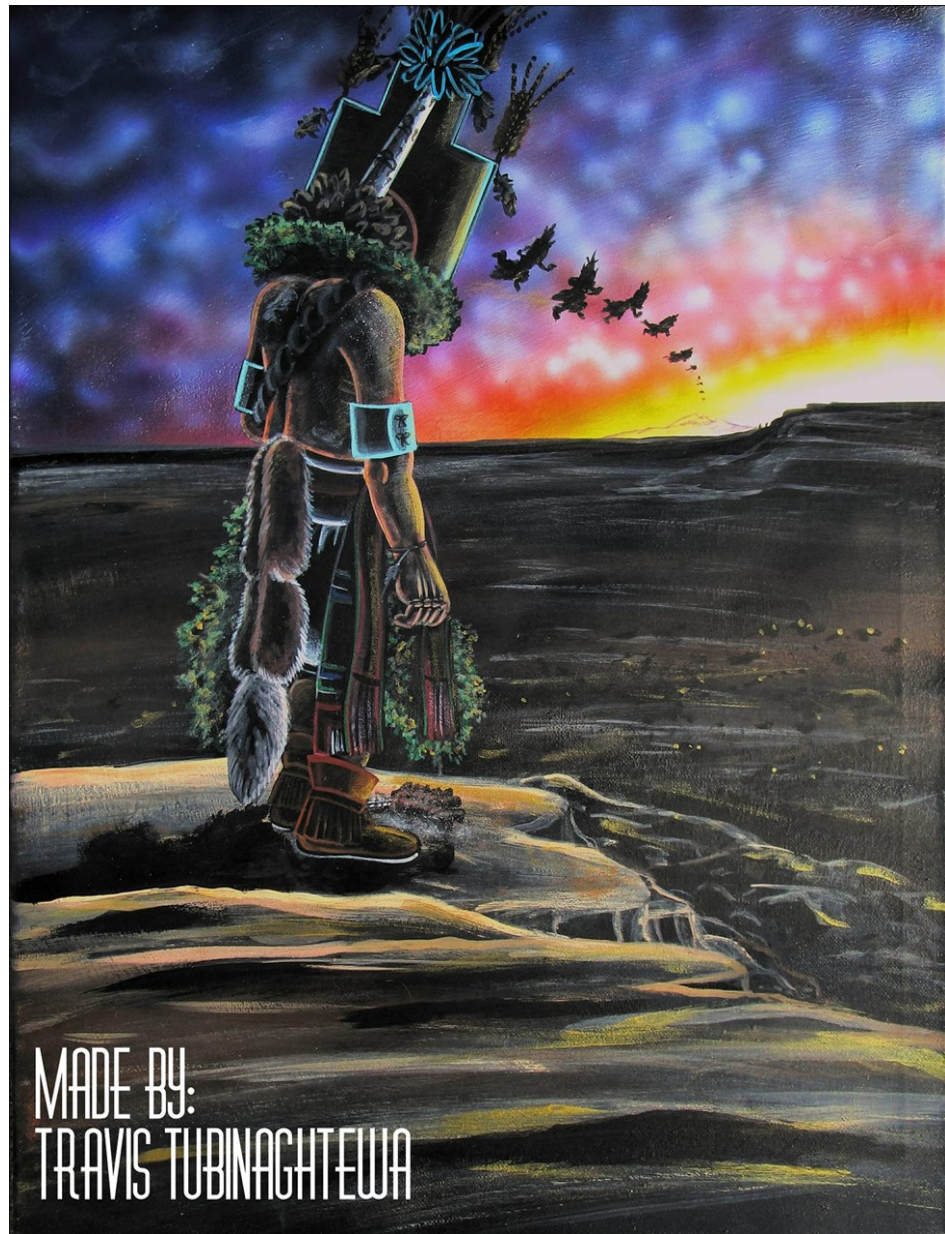
“Restorative Indigenous Food Practices is a place based social science technique that integrates developments from a variety of disciplines and fields, including nutrition, education, psychology, social work, criminology, sociology, organizational development, industrial psychology, indigenous leadership, and recovery principles. Restorative Indigenous Food Practices utilizes placed based Indigenous food and agriculture methodology as an axis for therapeutic learning, teaching, and healthy communication while revitalizing culture and wellness.”

-Chef Nephi Craig

that a lot of “her kids” thought of her as a surrogate mother, grandmother. She also knew that food was one way she could show them how much she cared about them, that they were human beings to be valued and cherished. It helped some of the young ones adjust to their new environment, some of them never being away from the comfort of their own homes and families, it helped them to feel that “home was not so far away”, as one student put it when he shared how much he enjoyed the food my grandmother made for them.

By understanding the emotional and psychological piece and understanding that before we can move on from traumatic experiences, we must move through the pain and not carry the pain; this is how my grandmother used her cooking to help “her kids” through their pain.

“A moment of clarity without any action is just



a thought that passes in the wind; but a moment of clarity followed by action becomes a pivotal moment in our life. It is the moment we wake up and see the CREATION that WE created.....-“Don Miguel Ruiz JR.

Her time as a cook at Keams Canyon Boarding School was a pivotal moment in my grandmother’s life!

My grandmother knew that she made a world of difference by being at work every day and serving “her kids” good food, no matter if it took longer to make, she did not mind doing the work. She knew she made a difference in their lives and that she was doing her part which included “therapeutic learning, teaching, and healthy communication while revitalizing culture and wellness.” She knew that the love she felt for every one of “her kids” was nourishing the hurt, the loneliness, the pain, but more importantly through the energy in her loving hands, she was also lifting, healing, and encouraging them in that moment to live their lives to the best of their ability.

In that moment, she played a valuable part, in their Creation.

My grandmother is only one example of how one person can make a difference in the world. Tutskwat Oqawtoynani encourages you all to find your “moment of clarity followed by action.” We are at a pivotal stage in our lives here on this earth, it can go either way. We can either go down in history as the generation who left their mess behind for others to clean up, OR we can use our Hopi and Tewa agricultural practices, ceremonies, values, and foodways, to heal and revitalize our culture and provide a holistic wellness for all of life. Remember our agreement to live as humble people. The choice is yours, make sure you choose a beautiful creation! Kuna’a!

For more information on the Virtual Cleanups hosted by Tutskwat Oqawtoynani at First Mesa, Arizona, visit us on Facebook, Tutskwat Oqawtoynani, or Instagram @tutskwat_oqawtoynani

Save the date!

OUT WITH THE OLD,

TUTSKWAT OQAWTOYNANI

VIRTUAL CLEAN UP.

AUGUST 8, 2021

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Village Crier Welcomes Your Feedback & Suggestions

By: Ivan L. Sidney, FMCV Administrator

As previously reported, the creation of our village newspaper, the Village Crier was a directive from our Traditional Leadership to disseminate information to the public. We have been receiving favorable comments and welcome suggestions for improvement. Our main obstacle is not having the funding to hire more staff and increase publication. Articles and reports are currently written by the FMCV Staff and occasionally, our Tribal Council Representatives.

Recently, we received the following comments: "Why aren't there more articles about what is happening in the villages of First Mesa and Keams Canyon?" "Is the Village Crier just a political paper focused mostly on the Hopi Tribal Government?" and "Why doesn't the Village Crier report on good things happening in the community rather than mostly politics and COVID?" These are very good questions and need to be answered.

First, we must have Reporters in the field to gather and submit stories/photographs. This a great suggestion and one that FMCV hopes to implement in the immediate future. Again, the cost of the operations; including printing and distribution, will be a challenge.

Second, All Villages are self-governing but subject to the Hopi Tribal Council for its representation of all external affairs and matters. After the Federal Government approved the Hopi Constitution, it took the position that the government-to-government relations is only with the Hopi Tribal Council. Villages cannot go directly to the federal Government; including all external governments.

The Hopi Tribal Council Representatives are to

represent its villages fairly and impartially and especially, to report to their constituents, discussions and actions taken by the Council. FMCV, for years, has not been recognized as having village status. This is a violation of the Hopi Constitution and By-Laws and must be corrected by the Hopi Chairman and the Tribal Council.

It is the Hopi Tribal Government that have engaged in politics to not adhere to mandates of its Constitution, supported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Federal Government created and approved our Constitution but have failed to have Council adhere to its mandates. To allow our village recognition, it must be corrected by the Hopi Tribal Council. At the request of our Traditional Leadership, our office has inquired of its nonrecognition, with no replies.

Therefore, on behalf of the need for improvements, such as business developments, the Village newspaper is a medium to inform the people, with hopes that the Tribal Government will reply. As Hopi people, we have the right to freedom of speech and to disseminate information, political or not; and especially, to have village members voice their concerns to the Hopi Tribal Government.

Third, some of us honestly believe that our village turmoil's, village unrest, alcohol and drugs, unkind remarks, arguments, etc. are all attributed to the lack of business developments, jobs, and addressing village needs coming from its own villagers. Some of you must read the Gallup Independent reporting the Navajo Nation using their CARES Act funds to construct 130 new cellular Towers, fiber optics to all Head start Centers, water, sewer and electric to

homes, etc. These are great accomplishments for the Navajo People and are the good happenings to rejoice and be thankful. The Navajo Government took the purpose of the CARES Act to spend it on its people in cooperation with its Chapters.

Our tribe spent almost 16 million to buy for its needs, modular offices at Tawa-Ovi. Equipment and buildings were purchased for all villages, except FMCV, without allowing the villages to provide its needs. Today, most of the equipment and buildings are sitting in storage. No prior planning was done to provide for the infrastructure, such as rights-of-way approvals for electricity, water and sewer and in some cases, land assignments.

Hindsight now dedicates that the Hopi Tribal Council must now be accountable for expenditure oversight to comply with the purpose of the funds. We continue to suffer the everyday threat of COVID19 and now even more serious, the delta variant. We all must know, by experience, what our needs are and must now be addressed to insure our survival. Only when needs are addressed, can we celebrate and report all the good happenings. For now we report on things as they are.

This should be the remedy for better relations and the hope for a better future for our children.

All this happening reminded me of one of my young grandsons saying "NEVER HAPPY, ALWAYS MAD". Maybe he was aware and predicted our future. Let us all work together to create improvements to celebrate its reality so we can report in our newspaper these "Good Things."

Water Meter Installation Update

By: Water Department
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

An Update meeting was held July 19, to allow Summit Construction to report on the progress of meter installations. Summit reported that 31% of site surveys and prep work were completed. The completed work is driven by material availability and lead times on various components. The second week will have two work crews. One crew will continue with prep work and the second crew will install meters.

Of concern is possible tampering with the meters. FMCV had already amended Water Agreements which includes tampering, meter damage penalties and possible termination of water service. The meters will be capable of detecting tampering as a safe guard.

Summit reported encounters with some residents refusing entry for installation. A list of all these residents will be forwarded to FMCV and a letter will be sent to homeowner informing

them that water meter installation is a mandatory requirement. If access is denied, water service will be permanently discontinued.

Summit has received the billing computer, software and printer which is an automated system that will be used to read meters at a distance. The readings will be entered into a computer which will read water usage and compute billings. It will be similar to APS meters which are read from Phoenix by a transmitter. APS did not inform us of their installation to accommodate their billing process; whereas, FMCV has continued to keep customers informed of the new water meter billing system.

There has been arsenic in local wells since drilled years ago, and has increased over time. Arsenic comes from layers of underground soil and minerals. These village wells, according to law, must be capped and no longer used

for human consumption. This necessitates water from wells 12 miles away resulting in higher cost, yet to be determined. Water is Free, it has no cost. Customers are billed for cost of operations to deliver water to your residence.

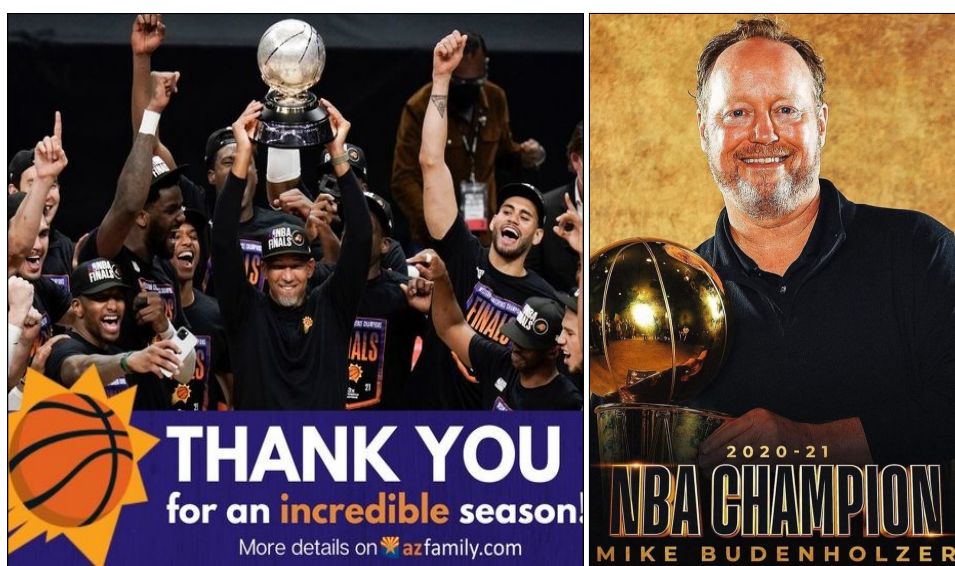
The HAMP Wells will be operated and maintained by the Hopi Utility Corp. They will deliver water to our storage tanks and bill FMCV. FMCV will distribute the water thru use of our water system.

Water meters are used throughout all public utility systems and customers are billed only for what they use, according to meters. This will encourage water conservation. You pay for what you use. The people have become accustomed to a set rate which overlooked the actual cost of operations. More importantly, we will no longer have arsenic in our water, which is detrimental to human health.

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Phoenix Suns Lose to Milwaukee Bucks in Game 6 of the NBA Championship



In Game 6 of the NBA Championship, the Phoenix Suns lost to the Milwaukee Bucks by a score of 98-105.

In the third quarter, the Suns briefly took the lead but the Bucks, determined to win, fought back and pulled ahead again. The fourth quarter was close and for awhile seemed the Suns might have a chance of winning the game; but as fate would have it, their shots just wouldn't fall.

Though the Phoenix Suns loss was heart breaking, Arizona can still be proud of one of their own who led his team, the Milwaukee Bucks to the NBA Championship. Arizona fans celebrated the game and many felt they still won through local homeboy,

Bucks Coach Mike Budenholzer was raised in Holbrook, AZ and was an outstanding athlete. His father Vince coached the Holbrook Roadrunners for more than twenty years and was inducted into the AZ High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. His mother served as mayor in Holbrook.

Congratulations to the Phoenix Suns for making it to the Championship playoffs and winning the Western Conference title! We are proud of you.

Shortly after returning to Phoenix, Suns star Devin Booker boarded a flight to Japan where he will represent the USA in the Summer Olympics.

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL Third Quarter Session Agenda JULY AGENDA

I. Call To Order

II. Certification of Tribal Council Reps

1. First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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. Action Item #033-2021: To Rescind Resolution H-016-2021 and entertain newly submitted Action Item/Resolution to accept and agree to the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement for Older Americans Act, Title III and authorize a limited waiver of sovereign immunity as stated in Section 42 of the Agreement. Author Beatrice Norton, Program Manager, Office of Aging and Adult Services ADD-ON 06/24/2021
TABLED TO JULY 6, 2022, a.m.

2. Discussion of the I-40 Solar Project – Kendrick Lomayestewa, Hopi Renewable Energy Office/Fletcher Wilkinson, Hopi Utilities Corporation – **TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

XI. New Business

1. Action Item #028-2021: To approve acceptance of funding in the amount of \$854,769.53 from the Health Resources and Service Administration. Author Laverne Dallas, Director Behavioral Health Services

2. Action Item #030-2021 – To accept the Final Report for Project Namitunaty and approve submittal of a manuscript to the Journal of Community Health entitled, “Formative Assessment to Improve Cancer Screening in American Indian Men: Native Patient Navigator and mHealth Texting” Author/Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services.

3. Action Item #031-2021: To approve and grant permission to identify and interview ten to fifteen Hopi Tribal members as it relates to research study entitled, “A Mixed Method to identify Causes of Kidney Cancer Surgical Disparities in AZ” Author Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services

4. Action Item #034-2021: To approve continuation of Johnson-O’Malley Contract as a “Mature Contract” for the Hopi Head Start Program for an indefinite period of time and to change the Fiscal Year from December 1—November 30, to July 1—June 30, to coincide with the Head Start Program’s funding cycle. Author Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager

5. Action Item #35-2021: To approve a 5-year continuation of funding for the Hopi Head Start Program and authorizes an Indirect Cost Rate of 4% to be implemented. Author Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager

6. Action Item #036-2021: To contract Snyder & Butler, CPAs, PLLC to complete the Hopi Tribe’s annual audit for the year ended December 31, 2020. Author Anthony Laban, Jr., Assistant Finance Director, Office of Financial Management

7. Action Item #037-2021: To enter into a new Residential Lease Agreement with the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority for placement of a Modular Home within

Marlena Selina’s land assignment in the Village of Bacavi . Author Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Service ****Time Certain –July 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

8.Action Item #038-2021: To approve modification to Lease No. 608-016-03 (Dorothy Ami) to allow Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to rebuild a new home due to severe structural damage to existing home. Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services ****Time Certain, July 8, 2021, 10am**

9.Action Item #039-2021: To approve modification to Lease No. 608-002-010 (Belinda Poleheptewa) to allow Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to rebuild a new home due to severe structural damage to existing home. Author Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services ****Time Certain July 8, 2021, 11:00am**

10. Action Item #040-2021: To approve a superseding Resolution with regard to name, scope and composition of the CARES Act Committee. Author Jamie B. Navenma, Chairman Hopi Cares Act Committee ****Time Certain July 6, 2021, 1:00pm**

11. Budget Oversight Team to deliver Team’s collective Budget Recommendations: Clark W. Tenakhongva, Chairman, Budget Oversight Team ****Time Certain July 26, 2021, 9:00 am**

12. Presentation of Book: Becoming Hopi, A History, Dr. Wesley Bernardini, Redlands University and Dr. Greg Schachner, University of California Los Angeles ****Time Certain July 26, 2021, 1:00pm**

13. Letter dated June 2, 2021 Re: 2021 Compact Amendments: David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

14. Letter dated June 21, 2021 Re: Concerns and Continuing Questions regarding CARES Act Funds: Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi

15. Letter dated June 22, 2021 Re: Non-Renewal of Contract for SY 2021-2022 – Hopi Day School: Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

16. Letter dated June 28, 2021 Re: Taawaki Inn Project: Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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
6. Office of the General Counsel
7. Land Commission
8. Water/Energy Committee
9. Transportation Committee
10. Law & Order Committee
11. Investment Committee
12. Health/Education Committee
13. Report on Hopi Tribal Monitors’ work on behalf of the Hopi Tribe: Stewart Koyiyumptewa, Program Manager, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office and Collaborators from WestLand Resources Inc. ****Time Certain – July 26, 2021, 3:00p.m**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public Service Announcement Hopi Law Enforcement Services

The Hopi Law Enforcement Services announces the following change to livestock inspections.

Effective July 16, 2021, livestock inspections will be held at the Second Mesa Sales Corral on the following days and times:

TUESDAY 8 am to 2 pm
WEDNESDAY 8 am to 12 pm

In accordance with Hopi Tribal Ordinance #43, all other times, the owner must call Hopi Law Enforcement Services at 928-734-7340 to set up a scheduled time to meet at the Second Mesa Sales Corral.

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands often.

Notice of Funding Opportunity FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities

Economic Development Administration

Posted Date: July 22, 2021

Through this Indigenous Communities NOFO, EDA aims to assist indigenous communities to recover economically from the coronavirus pandemic. Even before the pandemic, indigenous communities faced high levels of economic distress and unique economic development challenges, resulting in severe inequalities in opportunity for members of these communities. The pandemic greatly exacerbated those challenges and inequities and will continue to cause deep economic injury to indigenous communities in unprecedented ways.

EDA’s American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities NOFO is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of indigenous communities.

Competitive applications for funding under this NOFO will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in indigenous communities and to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic. These projects can include foundational economic infrastructure projects, such as such as broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education

facilities; and community health facilities that are necessary for future job creation. Projects can also include non-construction projects to provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in indigenous communities. Further, EDA seeks to fund projects representing diverse geographies, from rural and urban settings to projects on or near tribal lands.

EDA plans on funding construction and non-construction projects that cost between approximately \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 under this NOFO.

CLOSING DATE: Sep 30, 2022
While EDA encourages eligible applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible, EDA strongly advises eligible applicants to submit complete applications at least by March 31, 2022 so that EDA can review and process the application in time to get a potential award in place prior to deadlines imposed by Congress. Submission by March 31, 2022 is not a guarantee of funding. Any award is subject to the availability of funds. EDA strongly encourages all applicants to start early and contact their EDA representative for assistance. See section E of this Indigenous Communities NOFO regarding EDA’s review process and section G of the NOFO for EDA Regional Office Point of Contact (POC) information

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Albert T. Siquah, Sr
Dale Siquah
Wallace Youvella, Jr
One Vacancy

Representing First Mesa
Consolidated Villages on
the Hopi Tribal Council



Monsoon Rains



Hopi Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Report

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ– July 23rd, 2021.

About Variants of the COVID-19 virus:

Information about the characteristics of these variants is rapidly emerging. Scientists are working to learn more about the ease of transmission and whether the variants could cause more severe illness, as well as the effectiveness of the currently authorized vaccines against them.

What is known:

Viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur. Sometimes new variants emerge and disappear. Other times, new variants persist. Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and globally during this pandemic.

Viruses constantly change and become more diverse. Scientists monitor these changes, including changes to the spikes on the surface of the virus. By carefully studying viruses, scientists can learn how changes to the virus might affect how it spreads and how sick people will get from it.

If you think about a virus like a tree growing and branching out; each branch on the tree is slightly different than the others. By comparing the branches, scientists can label them according to the differences. These small differences, or variants, have been studied and identified since the beginning of the pandemic. Some variations allow the virus to spread more easily or make it resistant to treatments or vaccines. Those variants must be monitored more carefully.

Variants in the United States – In Arizona currently there are four notable variants in the United States:

B.1.1.7 (Alpha): This variant was first detected in the United States in December 2020. It was initially detected in the United Kingdom.

B.1.351 (Beta): This variant was first detected in the United States at the end of January 2021. It was initially detected in South Africa in December 2020.

P.1 (Gamma): This variant was first detected in the United States in January 2021. P.1 was initially identified in travelers from Brazil, who were tested during routine screening at an airport in Japan, in early January.

B.1.617.2 (Delta): This variant was first detected in the United States in March 2021. It was initially identified in India in December 2020.

These variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. An increase in the number of cases will put more strain on healthcare resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths. So far, studies suggest that the current authorized vaccines work on the circulating variants.

How common are these variants?

CDC tracks multiple variants circulating in the United States and provides an estimate of how common they are in the nation and at the regional level. The data can change over time as more information is available. Based on current data, variant B.1.1.7 is the most common variant across the country.

Protect and prevent yourself and family

COVID-19 continues to spread and variants are circulating. Take steps to protect yourself from the virus.

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of July 23rd, 2021 the United States now has approximately 34.3 million confirmed positive cases over 608,113 deaths reported.

Over 914,132 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 17,052 are in Navajo County alone.

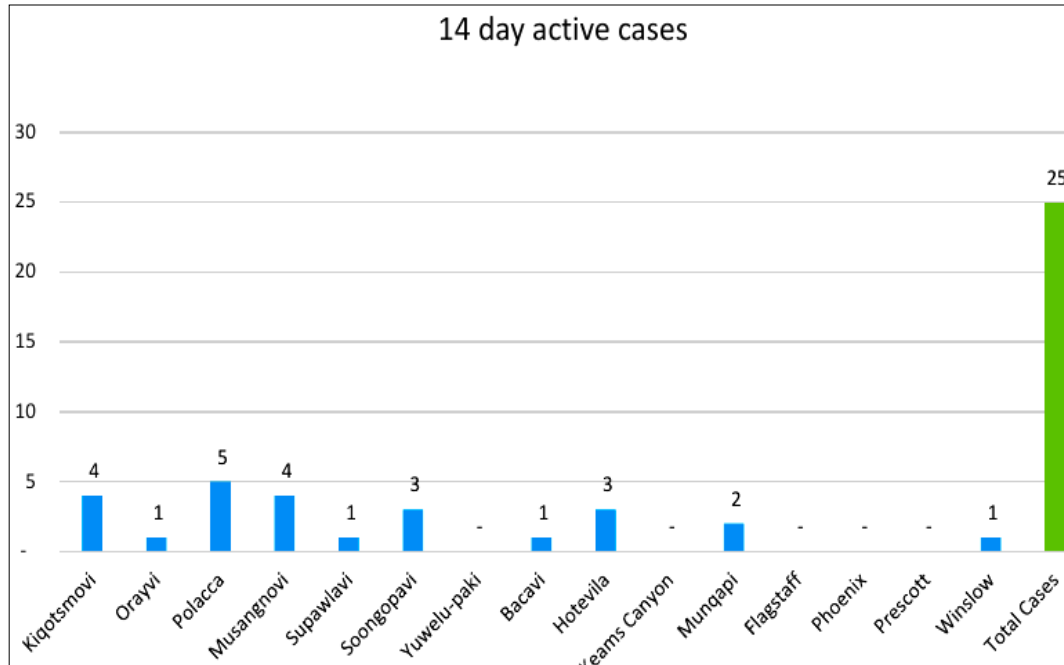
The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 10027 patients to date. Over 1,423 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 1037 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 276 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1314*** positive Hopi Tribal members.

Here is the latest Hopi Health Care Center's Upcoming Vaccine Events COVID-19 vaccines are available for those 12-years old & older. Appointments preferred, but not required. call: (928) 737-6049/6081/6148

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
07/27/2021	5:30-6 PM	Bacavi Village
07/27/2021	6:15-6:45 PM	Hotevilla Village
07/28/2021	5:30-6 PM	Old Oraibi Village
07/28/2021	6:15 - 6:45 PM	Kykotsmovi Village
07/29/2021	5:30-6:30 PM	Spider Mound

The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages. The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* July, 22 2021				
Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
44	1423	8499	38	10027
Number of Cases per Village as of July 22, 2021		Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi		107	26	133
Orayvi		28		28
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)		280	9	289+
Musangnuvi		95	2	97
Supawlavvi		59	1	60+
Songöopavi		224	1	225+
Yuwelu-paki		12		12
Paaqavi		56		56
Hotvela		127	47	174
Keams Canyon		42	10	52
Flagstaff			1	1
Munqapi		1	179*	180*
Phoenix		1		1
Winslow		4		5***
Prescott		1		1
TOTAL		1037	276	1314***



VILLAGE

1. Bacavi
2. Polacca
3. Hotevilla
4. Kykotsmovi
5. Shungopavi
6. Sopalwavi
7. unshungovi
8. Winslow
9. Orayvi
10. Moenkopi
11. Keams Canyon
12. Spider Mound

MOST RECENT CASE

- July 22nd
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- July 20th
- July 19th
- July 19th
- July 15th
- July 13th
- July 11th
- April 14th
- January 13th

Code:

- 1–10: Less than one month since last case.
- 11: Between two and three months since last case
- 12: Between one and two months since the last case

Flood Waters Causes damages in First Mesa/Polacca Community



Flood waters gushing under Polacca Bridge SR 264 from East to West



Family forced to evacuate from home after water spilled into their home



Tribal staff bagging sand. Right Councilmen David Talayumptewa & Dale Siquah



Flood waters only feet from reaching Polacca Bridge



Wash near Five Houses area, flooded and spilling over entire area



Two busted dams, approximately 15 miles away in Low Mountain, sends water gushing down the Polacca Wash into the Polacca Community



First Mesa Elementary School



View looking down from First Mesa Consolidated Villages

13-Day Weather forecast

	Sun 07/25	Mon 07/26	Tue 07/27	Wed 07/28	Thu 07/29	Fri 07/30	Sat 07/31	Sun 08/01	Mon 08/02	Tue 08/03	Wed 08/04	Thu 08/05	Fri 08/06
the Hopi Reservation	Risk of a thunderstorm 77°	Sunny 81°	Mainly sunny 82°	Risk of a thunderstorm 84°	Mainly sunny 82°	Mainly sunny 86°	Mainly sunny 88°	Mainly sunny 86°	Chance of a shower 84°	Chance of a shower 88°	Mainly sunny 90°	Mainly sunny 91°	Mainly sunny 93°