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HOPI CALENDAR

Kyaamuyaw
(December)

Moon of Respect

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

First Mesa Elementary School at Winslow Christmas X-mas Parade



First Mesa Elementary School Royalty and Cheerleading Squad at the Winslow Christmas Parade

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- Smallpox decimated the Hopi population in 1780, 1840, 1853-54 and 1897-98
- **1882:** President Chester A. Arthur signed Executive Order, which designated the Hopi Reservation.
- **1890:** 104 Hopi children captured and sent to school
- **1936:** The Hopi Constitution was adopted, which established the Hopi Tribal Council

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Memo to Polacca Water Customers re: HAMP Water Agreement and Rate Increase

TO: All Polacca Water Customers
FROM: Ivan Sidney, Sr. Village Administrator
First Mesa Consolidated Villages
RE: Status of HAMP Water Project

I am writing to share the status of the HAMP Water Project now that the construction project is complete. We all have questions about when we will have safe water and how much it will cost each household.

First, the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) staff, Selwyn Sekaquaptewa and his team, were able to test the newly built HAMP water lines/equipment that will deliver safe water to Polacca's Water Tanks. The testing was successful, which is good news.

Second, we are now in the process of negotiating a Water User Agreement with HUC since the HAMP was constructed on agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to sell safe water to First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) for distribution to Polacca Water Customers. HUC is proposing a forty (40) year agreement with water rates that will result in an increase in household rates from \$35.00 (current rate) to \$93.22 each month.

Third, because we know that 40 years is too long for such an agreement, due to changes in technology, lack of information on how the new HAMP system will work and cost, etc., we are diligently working to reduce the length of time FMCV (on your behalf) will be bound to such an agreement.

Fourth, we are very much aware of the fact that if the monthly water rate increases to \$93.22 each month, many members of our Villages will be unable to pay, which will result in a situation of no water/sanitation services for many of our households, causing the Agreement/system to fail for the entire community. The cost of water is strictly determined by the Hopi Utility Corporation and Not FMCV.

We hope to be able to come to better terms on the Agreement this month, so we may finally start having safe water, but as you can see, there will be a price that will need to be paid by every household within First Mesa's water system. For the time being, please remember that your water will currently remain with levels arsenic.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, particularly during this time of the year. If you have any questions, please contact me at (928) 737-2670.

Kikmongwi Extends Terms for First Mesa Representatives to Serve on Council

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Tribal Council Representatives Albert T. Siquah, Wallace Youvella, Jr. and Dale Siquah, whose terms expired in November, have been extended and re-certified by First Mesa Kikmongwi James Te-wayguna.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and represent the Consolidated Villages of First Mesa/Polacca. Congratulations on your term extensions as Council representatives!



Holiday Office Closure

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages office will be closed on December 23 & 26 for the Christmas Holiday.

For emergencies, please call 928-737-2670 and leave your name, phone number and a brief message of your call. Someone will return your call upon receipt of message.

The FMCV Administration and Leadership encourages everyone to be cautious and practice safety protocols as you gather with your families during Christmas.

Update on Current Ongoing Projects in First Mesa

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

The following projects are ongoing and we are involved to ensure proper processes are being followed for long term services to our villages and especially according to our requirements for land use:

1. Arizona Department of Transportation will begin silt removal under the Polacca bridge beginning December 5, 2022. Our Office has responded to ADOT's request to mark the water lines crossing the wash within their rights-of-ways along with other utility lines. The water lines are well marked to avoid their equipment from damaging the main waterline that serves all homes in the southeast areas. This is according to the set procedure for notification requirements, prior to any work being done, and requires our water services assistance for protection of the waterline. This silt cleanout is required but is considered temporary since the entire upper wash area needs proper clearance of silt and overgrowth of salt cedar to support the water flow within the wash.
2. Our three village offices were contacted by the Chairmans Office seeking a storage area for the delivery of barricades to be placed along the wash flooding area. We are currently unable to provide the area since no requests were made to the respective clan leaders for the placement of the barricades. It was only late Wednesday when our office received copies of two pages of a summary prepared by the Army Corp of Engineers for the placement of the barriers. It appears these barricades will be placed around each of the homes and to only allow an entry area. Our office is not aware whether the homeowners are aware of this planned construction. The plan also requires the tribe to be responsible for the removal of the structures and the dirt fill. It is unknown when the construction of the temporary barricades will begin. This project was completed by the Chairman's Office, and little is known about its work because no project plans and approvals are available.

3. The Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) has been completed and prepared for water delivery to our village but is delayed due to some critical, required approvals. The entire project, from the beginning of the project as reported, did not have the proper village approvals for land use. FMCV, EPA and IHS requested for the required approvals for use of our village lands, which are always executed prior to start of construction. Also, this project, remains to not have proper clearances and there continues to be no involvement of the Hopi Office of Real Estate Services and approvals of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Acceptance of the water service delivery without our village leaders' approvals, would be considered the beginning of total assumption of our village lands by the Hopi Tribe. This is considered a major deviation from our village land use authority and must be protected. Will the acceptance of the water, at the expense of loss of our village lands, be the best decision of our leaders?
4. Hopi Utility Corporation proposed a Water Use Agreement with rates for water purchase by FMCV and the Agreement is proposed for 40 years. FMCV requested their operating budget and information on how the proposed rates were determined for the past year with no response. Our leaders requested a meeting with the HUC Board of Directors which is scheduled for December 2, 2022 via virtual process. The result of the meeting will be reported at a later time.
5. The planning for the Veterans Center adjacent to the Hopi Health Care Center is continuing and more details will be available after the next planned meeting with the Veterans Officials. Our Soyal Mongwi recently reported to some of our Water Clan members of his reasons for the support of providing approval for the use of the clan's land. He reported of our Veterans sacrifice for service to our country which earned the need for health-related assistance.

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Sam Tenakhongva
 Katsin Mongwi

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 Albert Silas, Jr.

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 open for Debit-Credit Card
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 may be mailed to:
 FMCV

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 Drop Box located
 next to the door from
 8am to 5pm
 Monday-Friday

No Cash Payments
 will be Accepted

Letter to Dept of Natural Resources re: Polacca Wash Flooding

November 21, 2022

Ms. Carrie Joseph, Director Office of Natural Resources
 The Hopi Tribe

Dear Ms. Joseph:

We bring to your attention our recent flooding within the Polacca Wash caused by years of silting. This flooding is now a threat to our village by destruction of nearby homes, roads, bridge, water and sewer lines, corn fields, First Mesa Elementary School, Polacca Air-strip, and other environmental concerns. Our office and other community offices reached out to the Hopi Tribe during these emergencies and responses came from the Hopi Emergency Response Team.

No prior plans were developed for this emergency response, although our office have been requesting copies of completed response work reports of the HERT, none have been received. To engage in the planning to properly restore the wash according to federal environmental requirements, it will have to involve several agencies that includes the Arizona Department of Transportation, Hopi Office of Natural Resources, Navajo County, FMCV community residents and especially our Religious Leaders.

To prepare for this major undertaking, we request your immediate assistance to respond to some of our questions and concerns to properly continue our planning considering our limited resources that includes especially funds. At the time your office was contracted from the BIA, did it include the trust responsibility over restoration of village lands. If this is part of the scope of the

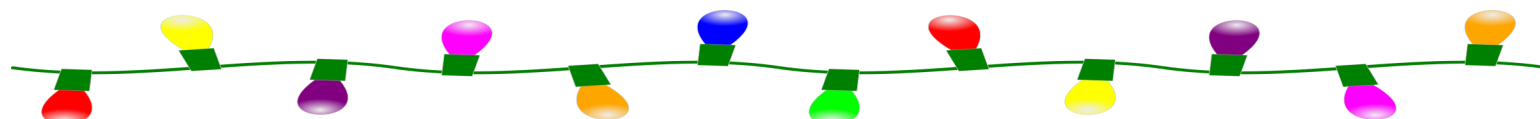
contract, does your office have the experts to conduct and prepare studies to be in cooperated into the recovery project. We request an immediate meeting with your office and the local BIA Hopi Agency to discuss these issues.

It is our village position that we must prepare studies that must include the engineering studies of the wash restoration and in compliance with current environmental laws before any land is disturbed. Our office representing our traditional self-government must have the permission of clan land ownership prior to any disturbance of our village lands. This of course, requires that our leaders and village members be provided an opportunity for discussions on the project with input and understanding.

It was alarming to review a copy of an Army Corp of Engineering document signed by our Kikmongwi (Attached). Our office and associates of the Kikmongwi are unaware of how our leader's signature was obtained. We have established protocols for contacts with our Kikmongwi and especially for approval of projects. Our office is entrusted to provide filings of documents after proper approvals based on compliance with all requirements.

We respectfully request your immediate response to our request for an immediate meeting and prior to our religious leader's engagement with their winter religious ceremonial responsibilities. Contact me if any clarification on this letter.

Sincerely,
 Ivan Sidney
 Village Administrator



Polacca Community Building Is
 available for rental use.
 Call Brannon Sidney at 928-737-2670
 for information.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



FMCV's Collaborative Efforts with the Hopi Utility Corporation to Reach an Agreement that is Affordable for Polacca Water Customers

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

We are currently approaching our annual Soyalang ceremony, which will be special this year to allow our young men to be initiated into the Prayer Feather ceremony. This prayer ceremony is special for long restored healthy lives into the New Year. Included, like all our Ceremonies, are our prayers for rain for our crops, livestock, and restoration of our water wells. Also, this is the time of the Sacred Moon, when we must hold ourselves to solemnity and respectful practices of our daily lives.

We must be thankful that water with less arsenic after years of waiting has finally reached our village. The completed HAMP system will now provide our village with clean water. This reality is from a grant awarded to the Hopi Tribe by EPA and IHS. This arsenic water as reported by the Indian Health Service years ago, is linked to cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver and prostate.

The challenge for us today is collaborating with

the staff of the Hopi Utility Corporation to reach an agreement for an affordable cost of the HAMP constructed water. At the present time, the estimated proposed water cost is \$93.33 per household. This is exceedingly high considering our water rates throughout the years have gradually increased from \$15, \$25 to the current \$35 dollars a month. This amount only includes the water and not for sewer. Upon written request by our Leaders, a meeting was held with the Hopi Utility Board last week resulting in the HUC Board directing their Water Manager to begin meetings with our office. The first will be a zoom meeting this week and another one-on-one meeting next week. All our village Administrators and Boards must participate to allow for the representation of our village members.

Our office, with the representation by our Village Attorney, is prepared to represent the positions of our Leaders for affordable costs for households. The cost for clean water will be much higher since our

village for years have been in violation of the Federal Law (Clean Water Act). EPA allowed the continued use of our village water wells contingent on the completion of the HAMP. Discontinuing use of water from our current wells for public consumption is a mandate.

Two other issues are important for our preparations for the HAMP water:

(1) Our request to allow HUC to take over the water system according to the purpose of its establishment by the Hopi Tribal Council.

(2) We currently have sixty-three delinquencies for non-payments of which some are over two years.

This new system cannot afford these delinquencies to maintain its costly operations. Strict payments requirements like APS, HTI, etc., must be implemented.

We ask for your understanding, cooperations, suggestions and patience for this undertaking we hope is for the health benefit of our people.

NAU Expands Access2Excellence Program to Members of Arizona's Federally Recognized Tribes

The program, which offers tuition-free education for first-time undergraduate students at any of NAU's sites, reflects the university's longstanding commitment to Native American and Indigenous students

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Honoring its longstanding commitment to Native American students and communities, Northern Arizona University today announced it would provide full tuition coverage for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes beginning in fall 2023 through an expansion to the Access2Excellence initiative.

Ensuring access to an affordable, high-quality education is the foundation of NAU's vision. The Access2Excellence (A2E) initiative, announced earlier this year, is a cornerstone of that work, providing full tuition coverage for all new first-time undergraduate students with a family income of \$65,000/year or less beginning in fall 2023.

This extension of A2E for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes reflects NAU's strategic priority of being the nation's leading university serving Indigenous Peoples. Now, NAU will ensure tuition coverage is not dependent on family income level and will apply to all new and transfer students, including those who live outside of Arizona but are members of the 22 Arizona tribes.

"At NAU, we pride ourselves on our service to Native American students and the communities they represent," said NAU President José Luis Cruz Rivera. "Extending A2E eligibility for our Arizona tribal members is an important step as we plant seeds for the success of future generations of Native American students at NAU. My thanks to our team and our engaged tribal partners who work every day to make higher education accessible and affordable to all."

NAU is creating pathways to enhance access to higher education for Native American students, building on a foundation that has placed the university at the forefront of institutions across the nation in awarding degrees to Indigenous students. NAU has been recognized as a leader in many fields, including:

No. 1 in public health bachelor's degrees

No. 1 in hospitality management bachelor's degrees

No. 1 in education master's and doctoral degrees

No. 4 in total master's degrees

No. 6 in total doctoral degrees

"Last year on Indigenous Peoples Day, President Cruz Rivera announced a redoubling of our efforts to better partner with and serve Indigenous communities in Arizona by expanding access to Native American students and supporting their success," said Ann Marie Chischilly, Vice President for Native American Initiatives. "Today's announcement follows through on that commitment. I am honored that NAU is so focused on advancing our work as an Indigenous serving institution for the betterment of the native nations of Arizona and beyond."

NAU offers a robust and intentional community of support for Native American and Indigenous students who entrust their educational journey to the university. From the Native American Cultural Center, a centrally located cultural and programming space that serves as a home away from home for Indigenous students on campus, to the Office of Indigenous Student Success and the newly launched Indigenous Peoples Living-Learning Community, NAU is committed to providing a supportive environment that complements its exceptional academic programs, fueling students' economic mobility and social impact.

The university is uniquely positioned to set the standard for Native American student access and success in higher education. NAU's Flagstaff Mountain Campus is located in close proximity to 11 tribal nations, including the Navajo Nation, which has the largest Native American population in the United States, and the university's footprint in more than 20 statewide locations offers many access points to meet students where they live and learn.

Native American leaders share support for A2E initiative

"Many Native American students chose to join the workforce because the cost of attending college is just too expensive," said Lena Fowler, chair of NAU's Native American Advisory Board. "With NAU extending its Access to Excellence (A2E) program to Arizona's 22 federally recognized Native American Tribes, this gives our Native American students the opportunity to pursue their dream of earning a high-

er education at NAU."

"I'm pleased to hear that NAU is extending the Access to Excellence program to members of all 22 federally recognized Native American Tribes in Arizona," said LuAnn Leonard, Hopi-Tohono O'odham, member of the NAU Native American Advisory Board and former member of the Arizona Board of Regents. "This strategic commitment will enable and encourage more Hopi students as well as other Arizona tribal students to earn their college degree at NAU and use their skills to strengthen our Native communities."

"On the Navajo Nation, thousands of students graduate from high school each year. For many, going to college is not affordable," said Jonathan Nez, President of Navajo Nation, NAU alumnus and member of the NAU Native American Advisory Board. "With NAU extending its Access to Excellence program to Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribal nations, Navajo students will be encouraged to know that they can go to NAU without having to worry about how they will pay for tuition."

Details about A2E for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes can be found online at nau.edu/a2e. As NAU implements the program, the university will first use tuition scholarships offered at the time of admission, and any other federal grant program, such as the Pell and the remaining costs will be funded by NAU. Additional aid like tribal scholarships will not be used for tuition costs and can be applied instead for other costs of attending college, like housing, books and other fees—ensuring Native American students eligible for this program have access to all opportunities to make their NAU education affordable.

Specific questions about financial support can be answered by calling NAU's Student Service Center at (928) 523-9501.

Melissa L. Sevigny

Science & Technology Field Reporter

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Hopi High Bruins Basketball vs. Alchesay Falcons

On Wednesday, December 7 the Hopi High School Basketball teams played in Whiteriver against the Alchesay Falcons. There was lots of exciting action and our Bruins came away with 2 wins. They included both the freshman and JV boys' teams. Way to go Bruins! We're proud of you!

- Freshman Girls
Hopi 44 vs Alchesay 47
- Freshman Boys
Hopi 52 vs Alchesay 36
- JV Girls
Hopi 29 vs Alchesay 54
- JV Boys
Hopi 65 vs Alchesay 62
- Varsity Girls
Hopi 34 vs Alchesay 62
- Varsity Boys
Hopi 60 vs Alchesay 73

Our High School basketball teams are next in action on Tuesday, December 13 as we host the Many Farms Lobos. #GOBRUINS

**HJSHS Winter Break:
Dec. 19, 2022 — Jan. 2, 2023**

Hopi High School Basketball vs. Tuba City Warriors

Hopi High School Basketball teams played their first games of the season at the Tuba City Warriors on Nov. 29. It produced some exciting action and the Bruins came away with 3 wins.

- Freshman Girls
Hopi 52
Tuba City 29
- Freshman Boys
Hopi 60
Tuba City 27
- JV Girls
Hopi 13
Tuba City 40
- JV Boys
Hopi - 48
Tuba City- 30
- Varsity Girls
Hopi - 19
Tuba City- 72
- Varsity Boys
Hopi - 54
Tuba City- 64

All 6 High School basketball teams are next in action on Wed. Dec. 7th at Alchesay. #GOBRUINS!!!



J.V. BASKETBALL

REGULAR SEASON GAMES WILL BEGIN @ 4:00 p.m. MST

THURS. DEC. 1	THURS. DEC. 8	Mon. Dec 12th	THURS. JAN 5.
JPS @ HBCS SMDS @ FMES HDS @ MDS SMIS @ KCES PUSD BYE	FMES @ JPS MDS @ HBCS SMDS @ KCES PUSD @ HDS SMIS BYE	JPS @ MDS KCES @ FMES HBCS @ PUSD HDS @ SMIS SMDS BYE	KCES @ JPS PUSD @ MDS SMIS @ HBCS HDS @ SMDS FMES BYE
THURS. JAN. 12	SAT. JAN. 21	ORDER OF EVENTS	
JPS @ PUSD MDS @ SMIS FMES @ HDS HBCS @ SMDS KCES BYE	H.E.A.L. FINALS TBA	JV GIRLS JV BOYS	

H.E.A.L. SCHEDULE

H.E.A.L. Membered-Schools

- HDS: Hopi Day School
- HBCS: Hotevilla Bacavi Community School
- FMES: First Mesa Elementary School
- KCES: Keams Canyon Elementary School
- SMDS: Second Mesa Day School
- MDS: Moencopi Day School
- PUSD- Pinion Unified School
- JPS- Jeddita Public School
- SMIS-ST. Michaels Indian School

2022-2023 Hopi High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times
Fri. 11/18	Joseph City (Scrimmage)	Joseph City	VB-7:00 pm VG-5:00 pm
Tue. 11/29	Tuba City	Tuba City	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Thu. 12/1	Route 66 Invite	Ash Fork	VG-3:00 & 5:00, VB-4:00 & 5:00 pm
Fri. 12/2	Route 66 Invite	Ash Fork and Williams	VB-TBD & VG-TBD
Sat. 12/3	Route 66 Invite	Ash Fork or Williams	VB-TBD & VG-TBD
Wed. 12/7	Alchesay	Alchesay	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-6:00 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-4:30 pm
Tue. 12/13	Many Farms*	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Thu. 12/15	Red Mesa (No Freshman)	Hopi	VB-7:30 & JVB-4:30 VG-6:00 & JVG-3:00
Sat. 12/17	Rock Point (No Freshman)	Rock Point	VB-4:30 & JVB-1:30 VG-3:00 & JVG-12:00
Thu. 12/27	Yvonne Johnson Memorial Shootout	Camp Verde	VB-TBD & VG-TBD
Wed. 12/28	Yvonne Johnson Memorial Shootout	Camp Verde	VB-TBD & VG-TBD
Wed. 1/4	Pinon* (No Freshman Girls)	Pinon	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm
Fri. 1/6	Greyhills* (No Freshman)	Greyhills	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 VG-6:00, JVG-3:00
Fri. 1/6	Northland Prep (Freshman Boys Only)	Northland Prep	FB-4:00
Sat. 1/7	Valley* (No Freshman)	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm
Wed. 1/11	Greyhills* (No Freshman)	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 VG-6:00, JVG-3:00
Thu. 1/12	Tuba City	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Sat. 1/14	Round Valley*	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Tue. 1/17	Many Farms*	Many Farms	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Thu. 1/19	Ganado	Ganado	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-4:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-3:00 pm
Sat. 1/21	St. Johns*	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm
Mon. 1/23	Round Valley*	Round Valley	VB-6:00, JVB-3:00, FB-4:30 pm VG-4:30, JVG-3:00, FG-6:00 pm
Tue. 1/24	Joseph City (Girls Only-No Freshman)	Joseph City	VG-5:30, JVG-4:00
Thu. 1/26	Pinon* (No Freshman Girls) (Senior Night)	Hopi	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm
Sat. 1/28	Valley* (No Freshman)	Valley	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm
Mon. 1/30	St. Johns*	St. Johns	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-6:00 pm VG-6:00, JVG-4:30, FG-7:30 pm
Thu. 2/2	Region Tourney-1 st Round	High Seed	VG-6:00, VB-7:30 pm
Fri. 2/3	Region Tourney-Semifinals	Boy's #1 Seed	VG-TBD, VB-TBD
Sat. 2/4	Region Tourney-Finals	Boy's #1 Seed	VG-TBD, VB-TBD
Thu. 2/9	State Play-In Game (Girls)	High Seed	VG-TBD
Fri. 2/10	State Play-In Game (Boys)	High Seed	VB-TBD
Fri. 2/17	State-Round of 16	Prescott	VG-TBD, VB-TBD
Sat. 2/18	State-Quarterfinals	Prescott	VG-TBD, VB-TBD
Fri. 2/24	State-Semifinals	Phoenix	VG-TBD, VB-TBD
Sat. 2/25	State-Finals	Phoenix	VG-TBD, VB-TBD

* Denotes a 2A North Region Opponent
Note: All Times Mountain Standard Time - Games, dates, and times are subject to change. HJSHS will provide notification of any changes via our website, Facebook pages, local radio stations, and our mass messaging system.

2022-2023 Hopi High School Wrestling Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times
Wed. 11/30	Winslow Round Robin (Div. IV North Section Teams)	Winslow	Weigh-In - 2:00 pm Wrestle - 3:00 pm
Fri. 12/2	Pat Kenny Wrestling Invite	Holbrook	Weigh-In - 8:00 am Wrestle - 10:00 am
Sat. 12/3	Pat Kenny Wrestling Invite	Holbrook	Weigh-In - 7:00 am Wrestle - 9:00 am
Wed. 12/7	Monument Valley Multi-Meet - Ganado, Hopi, Mon. Valley, Red Mesa, and 4 other schools	Monument Valley	Weigh-In - 9:00 am Wrestle - 11:00 am
Fri. 12/16	Veteran's Memorial Wrestling Invite	Window Rock	Weigh-In - 8:00 am Wrestle - 10:00 am
Sat. 12/17	Veteran's Memorial Wrestling Invite	Window Rock	Weigh-In - 7:30 am Wrestle - 8:30 am
Wed. 1/4	St. Johns Round Robin (Div. IV North & East Section Teams)	St. Johns	Weigh-In - 2:00 pm Wrestle - 3:00 pm
Fri. 1/6	Joseph City Wrestling Invite	Joseph City	Weigh-In - 8:00 am Wrestle - 10:00 am
Sat. 1/7	Joseph City Wrestling Invite	Joseph City	Weigh-In - 7:00 am Wrestle - 9:00 am
Wed. 1/11	Monument Valley Round Robin (Div. IV North Section Teams)	Monument Valley	Weigh-In - 2:00 pm Wrestle - 3:00 pm
Fri. 1/13	Doc Wright Wrestling Invite	Winslow	Weigh-In - 8:00 am Wrestle - 10:00 am
Sat. 1/14	Doc Wright Wrestling Invite	Winslow	Weigh-In - 7:00 am Wrestle - 9:00 am
Wed. 1/18	Window Rock Multi-Meet - Gallup, Hopi, Monument Valley, & Window Rock	Window Rock	Weigh-In - 3:00 pm Wrestle - 4:00 pm
Fri. 1/27	Mogollon Wrestling Invite	Mogollon	Weigh-In - 9:00 am Wrestle - 11:00 am
Sat. 1/28	Mogollon Wrestling Invite	Mogollon	Weigh-In - 7:00 am Wrestle - 9:00 am
Wed. 2/1	Winslow Multi-Meet - Hopi, Joseph City, & Winslow	Winslow	Weigh-In - 3:30 pm Wrestle - 4:30 pm
Sat. 2/4	Div. I Girls' Northeast Section Meet	Winslow	Weigh-In - TBD Wrestle - TBD
Sat. 2/11	Div. IV, Boys' North Section Meet	Winslow	Weigh-In - TBD Wrestle - TBD
Thu. 2/16	State Meet - Session I (Boys Only)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In - TBD Wrestle - TBD
Fri. 2/17	State Meet - Session II (Boys & Girls)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In - TBD Wrestle - TBD
Sat. 2/18	State Meet - Medal Rounds (Boys & Girls)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In - TBD Wrestle - TBD

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Coal mining has ended on Black Mesa. What happens now?

KNAU News Talk - Arizona Public Radio | By [Melissa Sevigny](#)
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The Kayenta Mine Complex on tribal lands in northeastern Arizona once supplied the coal that lit up homes in Los Angeles and pumped water to Phoenix. The mine closed in 2019, and now Navajo and Hopi people want the land returned so they can use it to graze livestock and gather culturally important plants. Mine reclamation is well underway, but the process is slow, and some worry it's taking too long. KNAU's Melissa Sevigny reports.

Houses and hogans fringe the shuttered Kayenta Mine Complex, and dirt roads cut through it, marked by signs for school bus stops, as well as warnings about explosives and heavy machinery. Eric Bronston gives a tour of the place where he worked for forty years. "Back in '79 the pit was still on that side when I came," he says, pointing out the open window of his truck.

The open pits are gone from this part of the mine; it's mostly covered in grass now, but a few hillsides are scattered with cliffrose, rabbitbrush, and sage—plants used by Navajos in medicine and ceremony. Bronston parks his truck near a four-foot-high juniper tree.

"This guy, it's doing really good, it's hard to reestablish this juniper," he says.

Bronston was part of the crew that replanted the strip-mined landscape. "I'm proud to be part of it, because it's going to be a forest pretty soon here," he says.

Peabody Energy began to mine on Black Mesa in the 1970s, before environmental regulations required much oversight. That changed in 1977 with the Sur-

face Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Vern Pfannensteil was a reclamation manager for Peabody at the time. "The move toward predominately native species is required in the regulations, and it's a good thing, because the native plant communities... are more assured of sustainability," he explains.

He says the law also requires the company to monitor the replanted land for 10 years, "and it takes incredible application of best practices, timing and moisture—God willing, we pray for rain just like a farmer does."

Just over 80 percent of the Kayenta Mine footprint has been replanted. Reclamation happened concurrent with the mining, so the area is a patchwork of places restored before and after the new rules kicked in. Bronston and Pfannensteil say they have faith the process will, in time, make the land available again for livestock grazing and plant collecting.

But local activists point out parts of the mine that shut down 17 years ago still haven't been replanted, and argue the reclamation rules adopted in 1990 are now decades out of date.

Nicole Horseherder directs the nonprofit group Tó Nizhóní Ání. "We're in a time when all this is unknown. We don't know what our lives are going to be like after the lands are returned to us for use," she says. She wants a new public comment process now that the mine has closed.

"I'm not a plant expert, I'm not a reclamation expert," Horseherder says. "However, I am a person

from Black Mesa. I do herd sheep. I do farm. I do go out and harvest wild tobaccos, wild herbs."

Public meetings were supposed to happen when Peabody Energy applied for a permit renewal in 2020. That's a routine process and isn't expected to result in major changes to the reclamation plan, according to Mychal Yellowman, tribal liaison for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. He says the process is on hold because of the pandemic.

"I think had COVID not happened, there would have been more opportunities to meet with the locals out there, which I do regret," Yellowman says.

Locals like Marie Gladue. She's angry that Kayenta coal helped faraway cities prosper... and left people in her own community, she says, feeling hopeless about protecting their rights and access to their land. "Where the mining happened, my father came directly from that land.... I just think that that isn't right, the way that all that happened," she says.

Gladue fears healing for her people is not forthcoming. "If you make the land suffer, the people are going to suffer," she says.

As reclamation continues in the wake of the mine's closure, residents who want to graze animals or gather plants there still need permission from Peabody Energy, which declined to give an interview for this story. The last open pits are scheduled to be regraded by 2026, which puts the final release of the lands to the Navajo and Hopi nations sometime in the late 2030s.

The Student Loan Payment Pause has Been Extended

In August, President Biden and I announced our plan to provide one-time, pandemic-connected debt relief to over 40 million Americans with federal student loans.

Since making the application available, more than 26 million borrowers provided the information needed to be considered for debt relief. Already, the Department of Education has approved 16 million of those applications.

But lawsuits filed by Republican elected officials and special interests are challenging the program, stopping our ability to discharge debt and accept additional applications. We are confident in our legal authority to carry out this program, which is why the

Department of Justice has asked the Supreme Court to lift the lower court's injunction against the program and suggested that if the Court does not do so, it could take up this case.

As we continue to fight to provide debt relief for tens of millions of Americans, President Biden and I believe that it is unfair to ask tens of millions of borrowers to resume payments on their student debt when they would be eligible for relief— if not for these lawsuits. Therefore, we have extended the pause on student loan payments and collections.

The student loan payment pause is extended until 60 days after the Department is permitted to imple-

ment the debt relief program, or the litigation is resolved. If the program has not been implemented and the litigation has not been resolved by June 30, 2023, payments will resume 60 days after that. We will notify borrowers before payments restart.

I encourage you to visit StudentAid.gov to explore more affordable repayment options, other debt forgiveness programs, and more. The Biden-Harris administration is committed to help borrowers recover from the pandemic and provide working families with breathing room.

President Biden and I will never stop fighting for you. Sincerely,
Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Reports

2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Administrator Report	Albert T. Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr	2021 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Administrator Report	Albert T. Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
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Part 2 of 3, Continued From the Nov. 22 Edition After Stealing Sacred Hopi Indian Artifacts, archeology thieves believe they are now being hunted by Spirits of Vengeance

Disclaimer: This story contains language sensitive to the Hopi people.

Reprint story - 2 of 3 by JAQ EVANS a writer based out of Seattle, Washington

The protective veil of secrecy around Hopi faith is so strong that Hopi people don't want to speak about sacred objects with uninitiated children, let alone outsiders. As former Hopi Vice Chairman Herman Honanie put it, "Even talking about these objects feels like [dissecting our] religion and eroding [our] way of life." One thing they can say is that any mistreatment of katsinam like the taalawtumsi will be met with force.

"In Hopi religion," Chief Sidney explained, "there is a penalty for misuse of these idols, death; a prolonged, real painful death."

Although Chief Sidney was a Christian, for him, that penalty was cause for alarm. Shungopavi, home to around 2,000 people in 1978, was one of the last villages where traditional Hopi ceremonies took place year-round. If the more devout members of the tribe decided someone in the village was guilty, they might choose to carry out the sentence themselves.

In order to take the investigation off the mesas and avoid attacks on suspected thieves, in the winter of 1979, the BIA enlisted the help of the FBI. But by the time Alfonso Sakeva, a young Hopi criminal investigator with an easy smile and an eye for art, was joined by FBI agent Steve Lund, the idols could have been thousands of miles away.

Or they might be just down-country, decorating the home of a man with an Indiana Jones look to him and a similar disposition towards sacred artifacts.

Eugene "Jinx" Pyle, a 35 year-old Navy veteran, was certain of two things: God and Arizona. Born and raised in Payson, the town fondly nicknamed "Arizona's heart" thanks to its geographically central location, Jinx took his birthright seriously. He'd traveled in his youth, but his home state kept calling him back—the dramatic landscapes, the legacy of cowboys of the past. By 1979, he operated a legally questionable trading post in Payson, where fellow collector Arthur Neblett contacted him in August: someone was trying to sell a set of large katsina dolls in Safford, a small city to the southeast.

Jimmy and Randy had been trying to offload the dolls for months. Their initial asking price of \$50,000 hadn't gone over well on the black market, mainly because nobody knew exactly what they were selling. Jimmy reckoned they were only taken out of their storage place once per generation. He didn't understand that the taalawtumsi were sacred to the Hopi rite of manhood, and that only the initiated Shungopavi elders had ever seen them.

Jimmy did his best to identify the idols, turning to photographer Jerry Jacka and a former curator of the Museum of Northern Arizona, Barton Wright. Jacka took the only known photograph of the taalawtumsi, laid out on an elk hide on his living room floor. Based on that photo, Wright was able to confirm the dolls were likely used in

clan initiations but couldn't provide any concrete idea of their value.

Not only were the dolls not turning into riches the way Jimmy and Randy had anticipated, their status as known local pothunters meant the FBI were sniffing around both young men. They even brought Randy in for an interview. Randy lied about the theft, but enough was enough. He wanted out. He suggested they simply hide the idols, and Jimmy agreed—at least to Randy's face.

What Jimmy didn't tell his partner in crime: things were getting strange. He was collecting health problems at a rate that seemed unusual for a 23 year-old, including kidney, liver, and gallbladder failure. He also kept winding up in jail on drug charges, which put his marriage at risk; his wife wanted a baby, not a husband who couldn't be trusted. Meanwhile, shortly after the theft, Randy crashed his motorcycle and temporarily lost the use of an arm and a leg.

To Jimmy, these disasters were more than a run of bad choices and worse luck. It had to be the idols. He'd started to see katsina faces in his dreams, promising ill fortune. Randy didn't believe him, but Jimmy didn't care; there were plenty of other Arizonans who agreed that Hopi objects held supernatural powers. Jimmy also needed money for his soon-to-grow family, and more importantly, he needed to rid himself of whatever curse the stolen idols had laid on his head. Instead of hiding them inside an old refrigerator as they'd discussed, he buried them near an abandoned barn and put out more feelers to the black market.

Finally, almost 10 months after stealing the taalawtumsi, Jimmy got a phone call at the bar he managed in Safford. The buyer didn't give a name, and Jimmy didn't ask. He returned to the burial site, alone and almost certainly at night, and unearthed the three stolen idols. Only one more day, he told himself, and stowed the katsinam in a canal ditch bank about a quarter mile into the desert from where he and the man had agreed to meet.

The next day, the buyer found Jimmy behind the country store in Fort Thomas, a small town near Safford. Jimmy drove them to the ditch where he'd dumped the idols the night before, and sold all three for somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,600—what would be around \$5,800 today. A paltry sum, all things considered.

The man who bought the dolls paid partly in cash, throwing in an extra \$50 for an old sleeping bag in Jimmy's truck in which to transport them. The rest he promised to pay in the form of valuable pots that Jimmy could resell. These pots never appeared, but Jimmy didn't mind. He just wanted the taalawtumsi gone, and disappeared they did: the last Jimmy saw of the dolls (at least, in person) they were slung over the buyer's shoulder as he strolled down a desert highway.

The fallout came swiftly. On learn-

ing what Jimmy had done, Randy cut ties. He was finished with Jimmy's lies, his ambition and his insistence that the idols had cursed them both.

Jimmy's wife, on the other hand, didn't know what to think. She only hoped this meant they could focus on steady work and trying for a child. Soon enough, she and Jimmy were expecting their firstborn—but the stolen katsinam were not done with Jimmy Lee Hinton. They wouldn't finish with him for over another decade.

Meanwhile, after purchasing the idols in Fort Thomas, Jinx Pyle planned to sell them in California. He figured that "any old [katsina] dolls got to be worth something." Barely a month after meeting Jimmy, however, word reached him from Second Mesa: the feds were still looking at Shungopavi, and one of Jinx's former contacts, a man named Eric Talayumptewa, was on their radar for smuggling.

On the one hand, Talayumptewa couldn't rat Jinx out. He'd died earlier that year, before any concrete evidence confirmed the FBI's suspicions. On the other hand, he was part of a small ring of Hopis who sold to Jinx, any number of whom might give the feds the link they needed. Jinx hadn't orchestrated this particular theft, but that wouldn't matter to the FBI. Once they pinned him as the likely middleman for the stolen taalawtumsi, the rest—search warrant, arrest, prison—would unfurl before him like an Arizona sunset.

"I wasn't that worried in the beginning," Jinx allowed. "But I kept hearing that people were out there trying to find them. I was afraid to have them, and afraid to give them back."

There was only one solution, as far as Jinx could tell. Only one way to guarantee that he and the idols could not be connected in a court of law.

Safford, AZ—Three Years Later

Jimmy Lee Hinton jerked awake. His wife was visiting her parents for the weekend, and the room was dark and empty. The windows were closed. On his nightstand, the alarm clock read 2:00 in the morning. Jimmy focused on that clock, breathing slowly, and listened. At first, only silence. Then the sound came again, faint but unmistakable: wind chimes. But he knew if he went outside to check, he would find nothing and no one.

Jimmy sank lower beneath his blankets. He wasn't imagining the chimes. Of that, he was certain. Selling the idols hadn't lifted the curse; it had only condemned him further.

Almost worse than the paranoia was the isolation. Randy hadn't spoken to Jimmy since the sale in 1979, and he wasn't about to drag his wife back into this, much less his parents or siblings. The only other person Jimmy might have confided in was his brother-in-law, a man named Mark Brady—except he and Mark weren't speaking much these days either.

Shortly after offloading the three stolen dolls, Jimmy had given Mark a

map. On it were the directions to the fourth and final taalawtumsi, the smallest sacred object he and Randy had left beneath a creosote bush outside Second Mesa. Mark never found that doll. He was picked up by the cops first, digging in nearby ruins, and traded the idol's location for his freedom.

Now, almost three years later, Jimmy remembered Mark's haunted expression as he described that day. How he'd led Hopi tribal police, accompanied by a priest from Shungopavi, to the area indicated on his map—but before he had a chance to point out the bush, the priest walked straight to it and uncovered Corn Maiden's Daughter. "He just walked right up to it," Mark said, "then started crying."

At the time, Mark's story "gave [Jimmy] the heebie-jeebies," but he was also in the middle of his latest prison stint with no financial prospects on his release. He'd resented, too, how much of his life seemed to be controlled by this one theft. So when Jimmy got out of jail in 1981, he returned to Hopi territory for another dig.

Jimmy and two friends followed classic pothunter protocol. They arrived at night, armed with tiny flashlights and ready to split up. As soon as Jimmy was alone, the dark closed in. His arms ached, remembering how heavy each taalawtumsi had been. How rough the cottonwood against his fingers. He took a breather, closing his eyes and counting to five, then opening and letting his vision adjust again to the night. To the small bright lights hovering several feet off the ground.

Animal eyes, he thought. Not a coyote, too tall? As soon as he thought it, the lights vanished. Something cracked behind him, loud as a gunshot but cleaner, sharper, and very close. Like footsteps breaking wood.

Jimmy wanted to call for his friends, but the noise would attract attention. Instead he bit his tongue, using the pen light to pick his way back through what felt like endless desert. More lights dogged his heels, appearing and disappearing too fast to follow, like he was being chased by a swarm of ghostly orbs. By the time he reached the car, the sun was clawing over the horizon. His friends stumbled back with the dawn. Their faces were pale and haggard, and for once, no one bothered with bravado.

"I was a blubbing idiot," Jimmy later admitted. "We all had the same experiences."

This was more than drug busts or health problems with reasonable explanations. This was a warning. Jimmy took it seriously. Later that week, he called the FBI and told them what he could.

Unfortunately, that wasn't much. Jimmy had no idea who'd bought the taalawtumsi or where they'd gone next, and confessing brought no absolution. Now, in 1982, he lay awake in his bed and listened to the wind chimes coming closer.

Hopi Tribal Council 1st Quarter Session Agenda – December 1, 2022

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe. **Tabled**
2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Rep., First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **Tabled**
3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit. **Tabled**
4. Action Item #091-2022 - Mutual Aid and Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Winslow – Author/Mervin Yoyetewa, Chairman, Law & Order Committee. **Tabled**
5. Action Item #093-2022: To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council. Author Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Rep, Village of Bacavi. **Tabled**
6. Interview for vacant position on the Hopi Election Board (1 candidate). **Tabled**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #096-2022: To amend the Position Description of the Executive Director. Author Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Rep, Village of Mishongnovi
2. Action Item #088-2022: To approve Office of Aging & Adult Services to submit renewal application for Title VI Funding for FY 2023-2026 for Nutrition Services and Family Caregiver Program. Author Beatrice Norton, Manager, Office of Aging & Adult Services
3. Action Item #001-2023: To accept and approve the Tribal Opioid Response Grant award from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration. Author Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services

4. Action Item #002-2023 – To approve completed applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Meridith Van Winkle, Enrollment Coordinator, Office of Enrollment
5. Action Item #005-2023 – Hopi Tribe's FY 2023 Application for Attorney's Fees and Litigation Support Program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Western Regional Office – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Council
6. Action Item #006-2023 – To appoint Patricia Sekaquaptewa as Chief Appellate Justice of the Hopi Appellate Court – Author/Raymond Namoki, Vice Chairman, Law & Order Committee
7. Action Item #007-2023 – To accept grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime in the amount of \$719,669.00 for the Hopi Victim Services Program – Author/Tanya Monroe, Program Manager, Hopi Victim Services Program
8. Action Item #008-2023 – To approve a new Employment Contract for CLAUSE LAW, PLLC effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 to serve as the Lobbying Firm for the Hopi Tribe – Author/Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe
9. Discussion/Possible Action: Appointment of Raymond Namoki, Sipaulovi Tribal Council Representative, to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors, as recommended by the Investment Committee. Mervin Yoyetewa, Mishongnovi Tribal Council Rep
10. Discussion & Possible Action – Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gaming in the Upper Village of Moenkopi – Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi
11. a. Letter dated October 6, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Bear Clan Elder/Village Leader, Mishongnovi Village re: Musangnuvi Village Elections. Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi, b. Letter dated November 16, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma; re: Request for appearance for the purpose of updating the Council on the current governmental situation of Mishongnovi Village. Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Rep, Village of Sipaulovi

12. Interview 2 candidates for vacant positions on the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation. ****Time Certain, December 27, 2022, 1:00–3:00 pm**
13. Letter dated November 23, 2022 from Robert Charley; RE: Resubmission of Letter of Interest for Re-appointment in current position as Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi
14. Letter dated November 18, 2022 From Dwayne Secakuku; RE: HTHA BOC Member Resignation. Danny Honanie, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
15. Letter dated November 9, 2022 From Dale Siquah, Chairman, Water/Energy Committee. 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 - Updated Report – Directive – HTC Resolution H-058-2021
6. Office of the General Counsel
7. Land Commission
8. Water/Energy Committee
9. Transportation Committee
10. Law & Order Committee
11. Investment Committee ****Time Certain, December 27, 2022, 9:00 am– 12:00 noon:** a. Moenkopi Developer's Corporation, b. Walpi Housing Management Agreement communications c. Updating of the Hopi Tribe's Investment Policy d. Status of Moenkopi Developers Corporation Hopi Loan
12. Health/Education Committee
13. Department of Natural Resources: Carrie Joseph, Director, Department of Natural Resources ****Time Certain, December 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**
14. Building Communities Update on status and objectives of Joint Village Strategic Planning. Letter dated November 9, 2022 From Brian Cole. William Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

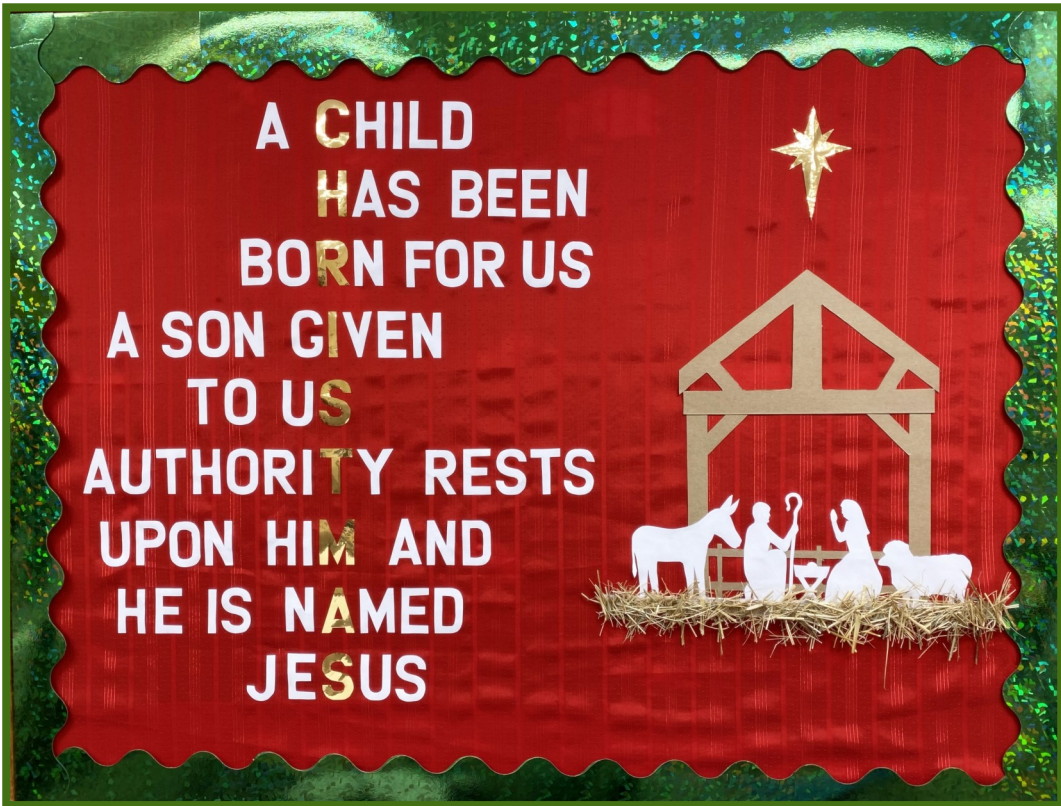
Hopi Tribal Council Fourth Quarter Session – Completed Items

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #087-2022: To approve Sole Source Consulting Agreement with Oxbow Data Management Systems, LLC. Author Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services. **Approved**
2. Action Item #089-2022: To approve Arnold & Porter Contracts (1882 Reservation Land Matters) and (Miscellaneous). Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel. **Approved**
3. Action Item #092-2022 – Lease Option Agreement for the I-40 Solar Project – Author/Edison Tu'tsi, Manager, Office of Hopi Lands. **Approved**
4. Action Item #094-2022: To approve Amendment to Consulting Agreement No. 22-013. Author Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Director, Hopi Department of Education and Workforce Development. **Approved**
5. Action Item #095-2022: To accept grant award in the amount of \$472,894.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime. Author Ronald Honyumptewa, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services. **Approved**
6. Action Item #097-2022: To approve a new Employment Contract for Mr. Marc Roy for three (3) years effective November 9, 2022, to serve as Chief Judge of the Hopi Tribal Courts. Author Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of

- Mishongnovi. ****Time Certain, November 7, 2022, 12:30 p.m. (add on 11/7/2022). Approved**
7. Action Item #003-2023: To approve a FY2023 General Fund Budget. Author Nada Talayumptewa, Tribal Treasurer, the Hopi Tribe (Add-on). **Approved**
8. Action Item #004-2023: Lower Colorado Conservation Program. Author Dale Siquah, Chairman, Water/Energy Committee (Add-on). **Approved**
9. Presentation/Review of DES Tribal Consultation Policy: Jocelyn Beard, Tribal Relations Manager, Office of Tribal Relations - ****Time Certain, November 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Complete**
10. Discussion/Possible Action: Update Bears Ears Litigation. Carlene Tenakhongva, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel. ****Time Certain, November 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Complete**
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Installation and connection of powerlines at Turquoise Well Complex. Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe. ****Time Certain, November 9, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Complete**
12. Further discussions with the Budget Oversight Team on budgets of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Election Board and Tutuveni – ****Time Certain, November 10, 2022, 9:am Complete**
13. Presentation of the FY 2023 General Fund recommended budgets for final review and approval. Eugene

- Talas, Chairperson, Budget Oversight Team ****Time Certain, November 21, 2022, 9 am–5 pm Complete**
 - Presentation entitled "The Taking of Hopi Lands," a re-examination of the Hopi Land Claims and Land Dispute. Clay Hamilton, Geodetic Technician, Land Information Systems. ****Time Certain, November 23, 2022, 1–5 p.m. Complete**
 14. Letter (undated) from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; re: Fourth Priority Lower Colorado River Water Allocation at Cibola Farms for discussion and possible action ****Time Certain, November 10, 2022, 1:00 pm Complete**
 15. Letter dated September 23, 2022 from Jayson Paymella; RE: Concerning Information in regards to the Village of Tewa's affairs. Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **Withdrawn**
 16. Letter dated October 25, 2022 from Jack E. Harding, Jr., President, Hopi Day School Board – Anita Bahnimptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi ****Time Certain, November 22, 2022, 1p.m. Withdrawn**
- ## REPORTS
1. Law & Order Committee: 2022 Comprehensive Report ****Time Certain, November 23, 2022, 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Complete**



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MISSING PERSON

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT
2120 North Central Avenue
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004

Departmental Reports: 202200001718660
BULLETIN #: 1718660
DATE: 11/16/22

MISSING PERSON

MISSING PERSON: Erica Denise Namoki, AKA "Eric" and "Coach," 33 years of age at the time of disappearance, 5' 04" tall, 120 pounds, brown eyes and black hair. Erica has tattoos on her arms and neck.

DATE MISSING: September 25, 2022.

NARRATIVE: On September 25, 2022, Erica Namoki was last seen in the area of South 31st Avenue and West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona. Erica's family is concerned for her welfare.

Anyone having information regarding this case is asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit at (602) 534-2121.
After hours: (602)262-6141

Detective Lopez #8489
602-261-8120

Sergeant Feist #8027
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