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## HOPI CALENDAR

### Ösömuayaw

#### March

### The Moon of Whistling Winds

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

### THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- AD 1250: Drought causes abandonment of cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde and Tsegi Canyon.
- AD 1276-1299: Great drought during this time caused 36 to 47 Hopi pueblos to be abandoned.
- 1866-1867: During severe smallpox epidemic, Hopis lived at Zuni Pueblo
- March 23, 2003: Army Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa died serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Happy Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs.  
DaeJun Park

### Happy Belated Birthday



Grace Lim Kate Park



KidaShai Nahsonhoya

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## US DOI Assistant Secretary Newland Meets With Hopi Council

By Stan Bindell  
the Village Crier

The Hopi Tribal Council gave U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland a list of issues that Hopi needs help with, either funding or technical support.

The reports to the DOI officials were made during the Hopi Tribal Council meeting Feb 24.

The issues involved included health, education, transportation, land, water, energy, and law and order.

Newland, who is Ojibwe from Michigan, has served as his tribe's President and also served as Chief Judge for the tribal courts. He was joined by colleagues Bart Stevens and Samuel Cohen. Stevens is from San Carlos, but went to kindergarten in Keams Canyon as his father worked for DPS. Cohen is from the Crow Tribe.

The reports to the DOI officials came from the chairmen of the Hopi Health



L-R: FMCV Council Rep. Ivan Sidney, DOI Asst. Secretary Bryan Newland, HTC Secretary Judith Youvella

and Education Committee, Transportation and Land Committee, Water and Energy Committee, and Law and Order Committee.

David Talayumptewa, Chairman of the Education Committee, reported that several Hopi schools need to be rebuilt

because the buildings are so old.

He said Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School (HBCS) and Hopi Day School (HDS) should be consolidated. He said Hopi Day School's building is more than 100 years old and HBCS is 50 years old.

"I get envious seeing neighbors with new schools," he said.

Talayumptewa said students attending these schools could face safety issues. He said Moenkopi Day School is over 50 years old and has been on the list and the timeline for getting the new building.

Talayumptewa also informed the DOI officials that Hopi is "reforming education like never before" as they are setting up a consolidated school district on Hopi

so the schools will have more uniformity in curriculum. He said the consolidated school district should be in place by July 1, 2023.

"There were issues with cost, but I think that has been resolved," he said.

Talayumptewa said the temporary offices for the consolidated school district will be three modulars on land next to Hopi High School. He said the land lease has been approved by BIA and they are asking the BIA for \$3.5 million for a permanent structure.

He said housing for school district office employees and school staff will be an issue. He said staff housing is also needed at Moenkopi Day School, Hopi Day School and Hotevilla Bacavi Community School.

"We need financial assistance for the new school system," he said. "We are asking BIA and BIE to make commitments.

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## Remains of Missing Person Jamie Yazzie Found on Hopi

### News Release

The FBI Phoenix Field Office and Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations continue to seek information about the disappearance and death of Jamie Lynette Yazzie.

Jamie Yazzie, 34, went missing in June 2019 and was last seen in Pinon on the Navajo Nation. Her remains were found last November on the Hopi Reservation, officials said. Before the discovery, she was last seen on the evening of June 30, 2019, around Pinon, Ariz.

In a Facebook post, President Nez offered his condolences to Yazzie's family:

"Today, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Division of Public Safety Executive Director Jesse

Delmar, and Criminal Investigations Director Michael Henderson offered their condolences to the family and relatives of Jamie Lynette Yazzie, a member of the Navajo Nation, who went missing in June 2019. Sadly, the family was recently informed that she had been located and was deceased.

We continue to pray for the family and friends of Jamie. With the recent development, we are hopeful that we are a step closer to proving closure for the family so they can continue to heal. Our law enforcement and criminal investigators continue to offer their support to the FBI to bring justice for Jamie and her loved ones," said President Nez.

In February, President Nez and

Director Henderson met with relatives of Yazzie to provide information and to answer questions from her loved ones. The FBI is leading the investigation and is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible."

The FBI continues to offer a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for Yazzie's disappearance and death.

Anyone with information about the details and circumstances surrounding her disappearance and/or death is asked to contact FBI Phoenix, 623-466-1999; Chinle Police Department 928-674-2111; or online at tips.fbi.gov.



Remains of Jamie L. Yazzie, missing since June, 2019, were found last November on the Hopi Reservation.

## 1997 2A Basketball Championship Team Shares Gratitude for Donations

First Mesa Consolidated Villages,  
Hopi Wireless, McGee Trading Post

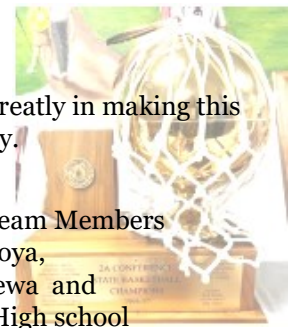
Dear Mr. Sidney,

The 1997 AZ State 2A Basketball Championship Team would like to share our gratitude for the generous donations provided by Kikmongwi Tewaguna and FMVC, Hopi Wireless and McGee Trading Post. We acknowledge Kikmongwi Tewaguna as one of our drivers to and from games.

The donations assisted in funding the venue and meals for 175 guests of the championship team. Eighteen (18) of the teammates and coaches were present with their families. The event was exemplary. Everyone stayed until the end still entertained with storytelling of their season to the championship game. They also shared information about their current lives and

families. You assisted greatly in making this event becoming a reality.  
Kwa-kwah. Sincerely,

1997 HHS Champion Team Members  
/s/ Brandon Nahsonhoya,  
/s/ Wayne Sekaquaptewa and  
/s/ Rick Baker, Hopi High school  
Championship Team Coach



# FMCV Receives Agreement Between Hopi Utilities Corporation and the Polacca Water System

## First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages office recently received an *Agreement between the Hopi Utilities Corporation and Polacca Water System*.

“Now that all water meters have been installed, and we have finally received the Agreement, this will determine the cost per gallon of water from the HUC water system,” said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney.

The water line construction has been completed, and the pipelines and the new west water storage tank are undergoing testing and disinfection. The current hold-up is the electrical connections to the water pumps at the well field sites.

“We have been informed that our three storage tanks will be receiving water by June or soon thereafter,” stated Sidney. “The readings of our customer water billings from the water meters will not be immediate to allow the system to be free of technical issues.

Our office plans to send copies of water billings to our customers to allow each household to have a record of its water usage.”

In 2014, the Indian Health Service in its Preliminary Engineering Report estimated the average price increase of water may be \$49.82 per month per household, excluding current village water, wastewater, and solid waste fees. The report also states this average price, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflated to reflect current dollars, is about \$58.22 (16.86% increase). It was already foretold that the water rates will significantly increase. The conservation use of water is now a reality and must be conformed with, to lower monthly water billings.

Sidney said, “our three water wells will be permanently capped to be in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act Laws. The water will be treated (chlorinated) and tested as required by law at the

well field site. The Hopi Utility Corporation will deliver water to our storage tanks and bill FMCV. FMCV will then deliver to water users from our water storage tanks and bill customers. Without this system in place, First Mesa was faced with heavy fines for high levels of arsenic in our public water system. We were able to secure a waiver for the use of water from our wells subject to the implementation of the HUC water system. During the planning, design and construction of the new water system, FMCV had to manage the system according to the EPA approved compliance plan.”

“Although we continue to be the subject of controversial misinformation on our current water having arsenic,” said Sidney, “our water staff has continued to operate the system in compliance with EPA Laws to provide needed water to our community. Our village also continues to provide water to our

Heath Care and its Dialysis Services for all Hopi People. Without Tribal Village allocations for 21 years, and no financial assistance from our three village offices, we still managed to keep the water system operational.”

The Agreement is currently under review and will be forwarded to the Village Attorney for legal reviews. After the administrative and legal reviews have been completed, a meeting will be scheduled with representatives from the Hopi Utility Corporation. All of the Second Mesa Water Systems are going thru this similar process on the agreements.

“I have contacted the villages to have a joint meeting to present our village positions with the Tribal Corporation,” said Sidney. “We will continue to keep our customers informed of the progress of our water system to replace the current water wells.”

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Albert Silas

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OR, placed in Drop Box located next to the door from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday

No Cash Payments will be Accepted

## FY2022 General Fund Budget for Hopi Tribal Operations Still in Limbo due to Insufficient Revenue

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

The approval of the FY2022 General Fund Budget for the Tribal Government Operations recommended by the Budget Oversight Team, is still in limbo due to insufficient revenues.

Tribal Treasurer Nada Talayumptewa reported to the Tribal Council her accounting on actual revenues for FY2021 was \$3,409,376 and estimated FY2022 is \$4,718,250. With the FY2021 revenue at \$3,409,376, the FY2021 approved budget was \$19,377,056. So where did the funds come from to make up the difference for insufficient revenue? Approximately \$15,967,680 was withdrawn from our tribal reserve account to approve the FY2021 Budget for tribal government operations. As of December 31, 2021, our unrestricted balance is \$81,623,905.83 and the restricted balance is \$328,620,722.20,

The proposed FY2022 budget is recommended at approximately \$19,000,000 million. By withdrawing \$9,309,154.67 from the Unrestricted Proceeds of Labor and \$5,213,574.67 from the Wells Fargo Unallocated account, this \$14 million is

proposed to make-up the difference for the insufficient revenues. If there is no change in the budget proposed for approval, close to 15 million will be withdrawn from our reserve funds. According to my research and inquiry, approximately 30 million was already withdrawn for the FY2019 and FY2020 Budgets. In my estimations, close to \$45 million has already been withdrawn and the FY2022 withdrawal is pending. With approximately \$80 million remaining in our unrestricted account, we will withdraw all the invested funds within the next five (5) years. The Budget oversight team’s report states that any revenue generating business development would take up to 6 years before actual revenues will be realized.

So, why did the tribal government not take appropriate downsizing budgets as soon as it was known that Peabody Coal operations was closing? There are no serious considerations of budget cuts to balance our budget by the Tribal Council. The efforts are to continue the tribal operations even though we know we lost 80% of our

annual revenue.

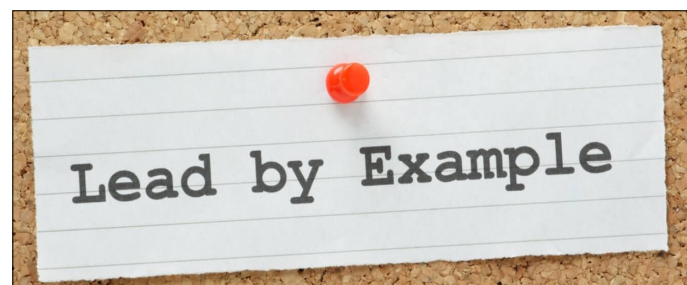
It remains the responsibility of the Administration to start the process of downsizing tribal operations. The Tribal Council is the legislative body of the tribal government and must now demand and order the administration to recommend serious downsizing to save the people’s money. One of the recommendations from the Budget Oversight Team is to cut village allocations. This is a reality to FMCV and would not affect our operations since we never received Village Allocations for over twenty years.

The Tribal Council must provide directives to minimize or restrict the withdrawals of our reserves and/or request permission of the people to continue these withdrawals and must be considered for the future welfare of our children and those to come. The Tribal Administration must be directed to take the responsibility to provide a budget with serious recommended downsizing. I have already reported that I may not vote for the approval of the FY2022 Budget if the depletion of our reserves will continue.

## Keams Canyon Elementary Swears in New Board Members



L-R: Cedric Coochyamptewa, Alissa Charley, Verde Yazzie and Vivian Quamimptewa were sworn in as new KCES Board Members on March 16.



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## Land Commission Project Review Committee Meeting

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

**Correspondences:** HTC Rep. Dale Sinqwah provided his Land Commission Report dated February 14, 2022 to the Project Review Committee re: Hopi Tribal Pasture, Rangeland & Forage Program (PRFP).

### New Business:

#### A. Monthly Indemnity Report from Hopi Treasurer's Office:

During the HTC meeting, Tribal Treasurer Nada Talayumptewa reported Drought Insurance having \$6,286,638.08 in the account. The Committee discussed the accuracy. According to research in HTC Representative's report, the account should have approximately \$14 million. Upon further discussion, the committee discovered there may be two different accounts named Drought Insurance. The Committee directed Acting DNR Director Pavatea to meet with the Treasurer. Pavatea produced a copy of the Resolution creating the Hopi Tribal Pasture, Rangeland & Forage Program and will provide it to the Treasurer when they meet.

Land Commission (LC) members, Representatives Rosa Honani and D. Sinqwah contacted CKP Insurance, LLC and requested a record of all payments to the Tribe and will provide information to the LC, PRC, Acting DNR Pavatea, and the Treasurer. Pavatea will update the Committee on the drought Insurance Fund at next meeting

#### B. Review of PRF Application:

a. On-Line Application—During a February 10 meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, CKP Insurance demonstrated several examples of how the PRFP funds can be used to address drought/loss of forage conditions. They demonstrated several online examples of how tribal members can apply for funding to support the Hopi Tribe's expenditure of PRFP funds. Example: Equine rewards program which addresses an incentive to remove feral horses from range lands.

Discussion- Ideas of how the Hopi Tribe can effectively spend PRFP funds to address drought /loss of forage conditions on Hopi Range Lands: The Committee decided that each Committee member will look at the examples provided by CKP and come with recommendations. Committee members are not limiting themselves to CKP examples but are encouraged to present ideas relevant to Hopi Rangelands. Members will present this at the next meeting.

b. Approval Process—When the PRFP spending plan is determined, how it will be approved by the PRC board or be introduced as an Action Item/Resolution to Council? Once the plan is finalized the Committee will make that determination.

c. Administration & Finance Structure Plan—The Committee discussed their perceived components of admin

and finance portions and concluded that as the plan moves along, these elements must be included and addressed.

The committee foresees they will require IT, finance, Law enforcement, and Hopi Tribal Court input and possible action. IT will have to approve and train on the online application. The application must integrate with our financial department.

The Hopi court and laws must support all aspects of the funding expenditure program. Another idea is to create a small department to oversee the administration and finance of the funding expenditures using funding from the fund. Other considerations discussed was funding a position either full time, or partial, in existing programs i.e., Finance and IT.

#### C. Goals and Objectives for PRF.

The Committee created a short/mid/long-term goal list and assigned tasks and time lines.

##### Short term

- Determine account balance of fund: Acting DNR Director to be accomplished as soon as possible (ASAP) and reported at next meeting
- Acquire financial information: Rep. Dale Sinqwah ASAP will provide information to Pavatea, the Treasurer, Tutsi and secretary.
- Each member review online application examples and make recommendations to Committee at next scheduled meeting.
- Each member present other ideas for expending funds.
- Projects to support range units: ORM Acting Director Mr. R. Honani to present at next meeting
- Department Project proposal: Acting DNR Director, ORM, WEMP, and OHLA. Present at next meeting

##### Mid term

- Finalize funding program projects
- Determine administrative and finance requirements
- Work with other committees to leverage funds to improve Hopi rangeland and forage. Possibly partner with other programs to use their established processes to make funds available.
- IT and finance representative meet with CKP IT staff to train and integrate online application process

##### Long Term

- Finalize and implement fund: Committee year 2023
- Improve Rangeland and Forage on Hopi lands
- Effectively spend and maintain funds
- Working with various Committees: i.e.; Hopi Conservation District, Drought Task Team and Others

ADJOURNMENT 12: 20 pm.  
Next Meeting – April 15, 2022

## Executive Director Fails to Carry Out Two Mandates Imposed by the Hopi Tribal Council

By: Phillip Quochoyewa, Sr., Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the Village of Kykotsmovi

During the Second Quarterly meeting of the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC), the Secretary made Time Certain to hear several reports from the Executive Director under XIII of the Agenda.

On March 10, 2022, Dorma Sahneyah, Executive Director was present and allowed to provide her side of the Report to the Council. Apparently, two separate Hopi Tribal Council Resolutions have been ignored, which were passed by majority vote, regarding the development and unauthorized move of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) employees to the so-called Turquoise Well/Tawaovi Site, utilizing COVID-19 funds.

The first Resolution was passed on September 22, 2021 directing the Executive Director to identify funds to hire an Independent Investigator to conduct an investigation into all activities at the Turquoise Well/Tawaovi Site due to several complaints from the employees, Villages and Tribal Council members. As a result, a Moratorium has not been lifted. A scope of work to be performed is clearly written in the Resolution, which is a Council decision and directive to the Executive Director.

The second adopted Hopi Tribal Council Resolution, again by Majority Vote, is to correct the illegal Forced Relocation of Employees of the Department of Natural Resources to the Turquoise Well/Tawaovi Site.

By passage of this Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council by motion and majority vote, approved HTC Resolution H-071-2021.

By the action taken, the Hopi Tribal Council hereby directs those employees presently occupying the DNR building to vacate the premises immediately to allow the Acting DNR Manager and her employees to re-occupy their offices.

Furthermore, the Executive Director of the Hopi Tribe is directed and assigned the task to move the DNR Programs back to their original site in Kykotsmovi.

It is evident that the failure of the Executive Director in complying with the lawful orders of the Hopi Tribal Council, has knowingly and willfully disobeyed her delegated authority and powers as outlined in the Hopi Constitution, ARTICLE VI – POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

It is obvious that Sahneyah and her daughter have the Chairman hostage to speak and advocate on their behalf as well as the Tewa Interim Board, for purposes of power and control. Since Sahneyah and her daughter helped get the Chairman re-elected, no disciplinary actions will be imposed for his Campaign Promises.

Nevertheless, the Chairman and the Executive Director finally admitted to the fact that they were responsible for developing the so-called Turquoise Well/Tawaovi site. Both individuals did make it known that they would move to the site to set an example. What is disturbing about this particular statement is that the Chairman and Vice Chairman appointed themselves to be on the Commission on Bears Ears to protect and preserve culturally sensitive matters from desecration, including Hopi language and history of our people. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman were members of the CARES Act committee, so was the Executive Director.

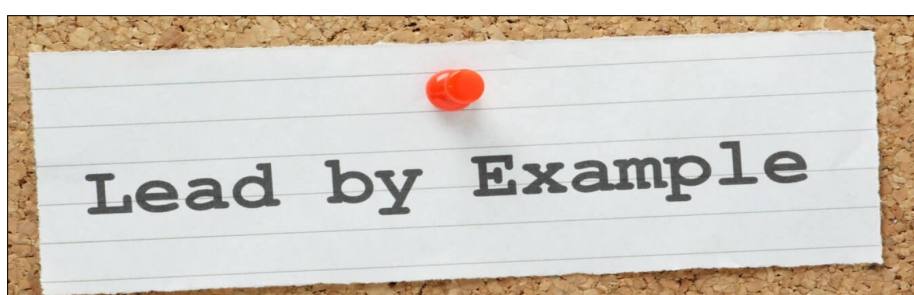
By bragging about the Turquoise Well/Tawaovi Site as their Project, it is they who will answer for the desecration and bulldozing of a sacred shrine at the site without approval. It is the Hopi belief that disrespectful actions carry severe penalties and most likely will impact the employees.

Despite the facts, I am of the impression that some members of the Tribal Council are weak and hesitant to speak to these sensitive agenda items.

Fact of the matter is, the Executive Director is insubordinate and negligent in her refusal to carry out the mandates of two separate HTC Resolutions expeditiously. These same agenda items under Reports will continue for further discussion on the week of March 21.

We need to keep them honest and accountable.

## Red Feather Development Assists Hopi and Navajo communities—See Related Story on P7



## Secretary Newland Continued from Page 1

Newland responded that their job is to not get caught up in processes and help Hopi find solutions.

"If there are problems let us know," he said.

Newland said there are various funding programs available and they are there to help find the right funding programs. He said some of the school construction funding programs require the schools to put out the funds on the front end and the BIA supplies the funding on the back end. However, he said the BIA can help the tribes find the financing.

**Rosa Honani, vice chair of the Water and Energy Committee**, talked about the need to resolve the ongoing talks about Lower Colorado River water rights adjudication. She said the BIA must enhance the quality of life on Hopi by funding the attorney fees in the adjudication.

Honani said funding is needed for the infrastructure and rights-of-way to get the water from the Lower Colorado River to Hopi.

"We are on an island surrounded by Navajo. We need help with these negotiations," she said.

Honani was referring to Hopi being totally surrounded by Navajo in every direction and would have to pay for any pipelines or infrastructure that goes through Navajo. She said an agreement is also needed with Navajo for any pumping or monitoring for water that comes out of the Navajo aquifer.

Honani reported that Hopi has lost about \$80 million since Navajo Generating Station closed down years ahead of its schedule.

As for other land issues, Honani said Moenkopi needs an off reservation waste disposal site. She said Indian Health Services has funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act for this funding.

Honani said there is a big need on Hopi for broadband as they have applied for a \$15 million grant. She said there are three different land areas on Hopi with the need for broadband: Moenkopi, Bacavi and the rest of the reservation.

"We are among the most underserved in Arizona and the U.S.," she said about the lack of broadband.

Honani said broadband impacts everything from jobs and health care to tribal sovereignty. She said HTI has made some improvements, but the broadband on Hopi remains below the state and national standards. She said too often zoom meetings, whether for jobs or school, get dropped

because of the problems with broadband.

"Children are frustrated (when they try to do their schoolwork on the internet)," she said.

Dale Siquah, chairman of the Water and Energy Committee, supported Honani's comments. He said he just attended a conference on broadband.

"I'm advising the tribe that we need to meet minimum standards," he said.

Newland said there is \$3 billion of funding available in federal grant programs. He said the applications are being evaluated.

"We want to speed up the installation when the grants are approved," he said.

Stevens said they can be of assistance with these proposals, especially the funding for the off reservation landfill. He said they need to get with the EPA to complete this project, but it will take several years.

Newland said they have smart people on their team who can come up with solutions on these issues.

**Herman Honanie, chairman of the Land Committee and the Transportation Committee**, started by talking about the problems with the roads on Hopi.

Honanie said, regardless of which direction you go on Hopi, the roads are not good.

"It's like driving on a dirt road," he said.

Honanie recalled working as a supervisor on the first road crew in 1978 and 1979. He said it was shortly after when buses and big rigs started to increase their use of the roads. He said that has put extra stress on the roads.

"There has rarely been any major improvements," he said. "The roads are substandard in every community (on Hopi)."

Honanie said the Hopi Department of Transportation has a priority list and recently completed some of the roads in First Mesa.

"I'm happy for the people who ride on it," he said.

Honanie said Hopis need access to and from their fields. He said the monsoons this past year washed out a lot of the roads. He said the poor shape of the roads can cause accidents.

"Build Back America gives us some hope. We need more equipment and manpower," he said. "It's a must."

Honanie said Rt. 264 has not seen major improvement in years. He said Councilman Sidney and himself have been trying to get the Arizona Department of Transportation to improve Rt. 87 for at least six years.

"We have not heard any gestures or promises from the state," Honanie continued. "The federal government ought to ID funding for these roads."

Honanie said the road to Hopi Airport also needs future improvements. He said IHS no longer uses the airport because of safety issues regarding the roads. He said when people order from Amazon they have trouble getting their packages because of lack of addresses.

Honanie said bridges on Hopi need to be rebuilt.

"We need funding and resources from the federal government. We have had our share of accidents," he said.

Honanie switched to talking about land issues and the 1996 Hopi-Navajo land settlement. He pointed out that it has been 27 years since the settlement act and yet a lot of issues remain to be settled.

"It seems we always take a step back," he said. "We want effort to resolve this, but who is listening? Now, with the war, will Hopi be forgotten? Like the Lower Colorado River, we've been told that it may not be resolved for another decade. I hope we make progress with this administration."

Honanie said this is where Hopi could build its economic base. He said it is heartbreaking to accept that nothing will happen here.

Honanie said due to the laws they cannot fix the fence along the border with Navajo to keep wildlife in or out. He said Hopis also use this area for eagle feather gathering for ceremonial use and those out to gather feathers have been harassed and shot at.

He said Navajos build in some areas known as non development.

"Please take this to the higher ups and Congress," he said. "We need you to help."

Honanie said these new lands are key to Hopi economics.

He closed by talking about contamination from the uranium mines in Tuba City and Moenkopi saying it could contaminate the water in Moenkopi Wash which in turn would contaminate the crops.

Newland responded that he now has a to-do list to go over to help Hopi, but he added that problems with roads are a common issue throughout Indian country. He said a lack of historic investment in roads over the years caused a lot of the problems. He said this impacts road safety, economic development, health care and education.

Regarding, the settlement act, Newland said his office will review this with the intent of plant-

ing the seeds for solutions.

**Ivan Sidney, chairman of the Law and Order Committee**, talked about the problems with the planned new jail.

Sidney recounted how the Hopi Tribe contracted with the BIA to obtain its own law enforcement services in 2019. He said the lack of a jail means Hopi has to transport adults 70 miles to Holbrook and youth to the Ute Mountain, three hours away. He said three years ago the BIA estimated the jail would cost \$15 million for the design, but today the jail would cost \$34 million for the design.

Sidney is also concerned the planned facility would house only adults. He also said separate facilities are needed for males and females.

"We know we need separate facilities because of the laws," he said. "We want to work with the appropriate offices, Congress and the White House."

Sidney said since the Hopi Tribe is one of the few tribes without gaming that they need more federal funding.

"We can provide more services if we have more resources," he said. "Your technical resources are needed."

Sidney said Hopi needs a recovery treatment center and a police academy. He said they can reduce incarceration by 80 percent if a recovery center and jobs are available.

Sidney noted that several Hopi have served as police chiefs, so he emphasized that the talent is there as long as they have the resources.

"We look forward to that," he said. "We are asking for assistance with law enforcement services."

Sidney said they expect a response about the summarized needs for mental health and a rehabilitation center.

Sidney told the DOI officials that there is no word for goodbye in Hopi, only the words for "until we see you again." Thus, he is looking forward to follow-up meetings with DOI officials on how Hopi can improve their services to their people.

Newland said they were grateful for the words from the Hopi Tribal Council and they want to engage with Hopi in a respectful relationship that will serve the people.

Newland said too often people are involved with legal problems when they should be getting help with mental or addiction services.

**Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma** thanked the DOI

officials for being flexible with their time as they met for 90 minutes.

"This is a unique time for us," the chairman said.

Chairman Nuvangyaoma recounted how tribal leaders met with President Biden last year and hopes their issues would not be forgotten. He said thanks to Biden, Native Americans now have representation at the highest levels.

He said now things can be seen through Native American eyes.

"Every tribe is unique," he said. "Having it through the lens of Native Americans is critical,"

Nuvangyaoma said he was glad that the DOI officials drove into Hopi so they could see their land, and he added this was after Hopi had the blessing of snow.

He also talked about how Hopi is the only reservation in America that is landlocked by another tribe. He said this causes problems with rights-of-way and infrastructure.

"This is something that anybody should be able to get," he said. "This was created by Congress. I don't think Congress intended that to be our reality."

Nuvangyaoma said he wanted to build on the relationship with DOI and that the Hopi Tribe is looking for guidance from them.

"We want this on your radar. We have a lot of needs, but there are solutions to many of these issues," he said. "We are prepared to roll up our sleeves and work together."

Newland thanked the Hopi Tribal Council for welcoming them and he apologized for the visit being so short. He said he would like to spend a day at Hopi.

Newland said he is proud of the team they have at BIA and BIE. He said the staff is dedicated and wants to find solutions. He said Biden and Secretary of Interior Debra Haaland wants to come up with solutions in a way that respects the people they serve.

Hopi Tribal Councilman Raymond Namoki closed out the meeting by thanking the officials for their visit. However, he said it breaks his heart that the problems involved in the Navajo Hopi land settlement are continuing. He said those problems continue to fall on deaf ears.

He mentioned the problems with NGS closing. He urged the younger generation to get involved in these issues.

Namoki, the youngest member on the Hopi Tribal Council, told the visitors he hopes they have safe travels.



# Hopi Tribal Committee Reports: Education, Hopi Assisted Living Facility and Hopi Housing Authority

By: Albert T. Siquah, Hopi Tribal Council  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

## EDUCATION

Hopi Schools are on Spring Break during the week of March 15 -18, 2022. Teachers and staff are also resting and preparing for the remainder of the school year.

The United States Government will be hosting the HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation, via Zoom, on April 6-7, 2022. This session is to establish a three (3) year Budget for the Federal Government. Tribes are invited to participate in the sessions. This is an opportunity for the Hopi Tribe to participate by sharing their priorities for funding consideration. Members of The Hopi Tribe Health\ Education Committee have been advised to participate in this Activity to assure that our Health and Education Program needs are provided adequate funding.

The Hopi Board of Education has completed the development of the Bylaws for the New Hopi School System and will be presenting the same via a Resolution to the Tribal Council. The Health/Education Committee is prepared to support this Action Item when it is addressed by the Tribal Council. This is a milestone document leading to the final stages in the establishment of a reservation wide School System. The Hopi School Administrators, School Staff, Hopi Department of Education staff and Consultant, the Transition Team, and Community mem-

bers who participated in the survey's are all to be acknowledged in this monumental task.

NOTICE: The Keams Canyon and Polacca School areas Continue to have vacant positions on the Hopi Board of Education. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the school of choice to file an application to the Board.

The Health and Education Committee has rekindled the Idea of developing a proposal for the establishment of separate Committees for Health and Education. This concept is being reconsidered for the reason that the two service areas are important, and require major attention. Presently the Committee is concentrating primarily in the area of Education. There is also a need to address Health issues, such as a full service Hospital. Both of the two areas require additional facilities to meet the Health and Educational needs for our Hopi community members. The Committee will continue to research this option for consideration by the Tribal Council.

## HOPI ASSISTED LIVING

The Board of Directors of the Hopi Assisted Living Facility located at the community of Moencopi has reported that the Facility is presently closed and a Forensic Audit is

being conducted. The facility has experienced financial problems which is requiring review, prior to continued operation. As a result of this closure our elderly community members are being referred to facilities off the reservation. The Board is presently diligently seeking assistance in seeking assistance to correct this situation.

## HOPI HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hopi Tribal Council interviewed four individuals for the Hopi Housing Authority Board of Commissioner positions. The candidates successfully completed the interview, and their names were forwarded to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority.

Upon completion of the background checks, the following individuals were administered the Oath of Office:

Tuesday, March 3, 2022:

Merwin Kooyahoema from the Village of Mishungnovi and Robert Charley from the Village Moencopi

Tuesday, March 15, 2022:

Mr. Secakuku from Village of Bacavi

Currently, there are two vacant Board of Commissioners positions. Interested individuals are encouraged to file a Letter of Interest to the Hopi Tribal Council.

# Tutskwat Oqawtoynani 2022 Cleanups

By Valerie Nuvayestewa  
Tutskwat Oqawtoynani

In an article written by Cindy Yurth in the Navajo Times, December 26, 2019, Pliny Draper said "The people who dumped that stuff, they're in the graveyard now and we're the ones paying for it." He also said "the stuff that's being dumped right now, our grandchildren are going to be paying for it." Draper, 70 years of age from DelMuerto, Arizona was speaking on an illegal dumpsite that has been near his home for over 70 years.

Leon Nuvayestewa Sr., an 83 year-old retired Hopi elder, observed on his daily walks around First Mesa, that the trash was accumulating into huge piles covering plants and mesa trails in some areas. He gathered his family together and said, "If no one is going to do something about this trash, then I will, we cannot leave this mess for our grandchildren to clean up."

This is how Tutskwat Oqawtoynani, formerly known as First Mesa Annual Cleanup, began and has now grown into a yearly community wide effort to clean the sides of the mesa. **Our Mission: Through Discipline and Responsibility, We Will Preserve the Sacredness of OUR Hopi and Tewa Villages.**

Every year the Hopi and Navajo Nation has a combined estimated total of 300 million pounds of trash. The challenge we are facing is that there has not been any big movement made on the Hopi Nation to clean up our land and given the economic state of the Hopi Tribe, we cannot rely on Solid Waste Management for help as they are presently struggling themselves to keep afloat. We remain hopeful as we move forward this year, seeing the decline in Omicron cases on the Hopi Nation, so the possibility of gathering in large groups may happen towards the last two cleanups in 2022 which will not pose a health risk to our volunteers.

We all know that our health is directly related to the health of our environment, and we have seen a stronger movement happening around people's homes as they are moved to clean their areas which is always exciting to see. The problem is that after they clean, they either do not have the money to take the trash to the landfill to be properly disposed of, or they have items which the Solid Waste Program will not accept, car batteries, couches, etc. And they end up in our washes and field areas. What we need to remind ourselves before dumping in the wash areas is that the water or snowfall from these areas feed the Little Colorado River basin which eventually ends up in the Lower Colorado region. So yes, all the trash that is being dumped in the wash is contaminating not only our own lands and fields, but the bigger water shed network

in Arizona.

There is an illegal dumping code in place in accordance with the Solid Waste Management ORD. 44 Section 106 and ORD. 21 Title III Chapter 3, Section 3.3.51 and if someone is caught and if charges are filed against a person, they can be sentenced to serve up to 6 months in jail or end up paying a \$2,000.00 dollar fine. So far, we have not made a huge effort in this area to hold people accountable for illegal dumping as most people are just trying to get back on solid financial ground after the pandemic, also the Hopi Law Enforcement Services are short staffed with huge case loads on top of monitoring the entire Hopi Nation. We are doing our best to see the bigger picture and not lay the blame at anyone's feet, which means coming up with solutions.

**Goal of Tutskwat Oqawtoynani:** Originally our goal was to accomplish this effort within 6 years, but the reality is the amount of trash that exists has now extended the timeline beyond 6 years which includes our long-term goals of: Tutskwat Oqawtoynani 2022 Cleanups Action Steps:

1. To continue to schedule community cleanups leaning on Ancestral Lands Hopi for technical support and experts in the field of restoration and erosion who can then provide presentations and education around actionable steps we need to take to make informed decisions on where we need help with removal of bulk, heavy, metal items and with learning sessions which will educate and teach the skills needed to village members to keep our environment clean.
2. Create stronger partnerships with First Mesa Villages, Tewa, Sichomovi, and Walpi, by helping to bring in experts to assess the erosion, to provide content to understand the depth of the issue, explore the resources necessary to support such efforts and feats to reverse the degradation of the mesa and provide education to the our village members around the unveiling of systemic challenges of erosion of the mesa sides and the need for restoration of the soil, vegetation, and erosion control strategies left to be explored. We saw massive flooding last year and homes were destroyed. Families are still trying to rebuild from this disaster.
3. To create a partnership with IHS to provide composting toilets for those residents on First Mesa (residents of the mesa) who do not have running water to eliminate dumping of human waste over the side of the mesa causing environmental concerns. We are looking at sustainable

method where residents would not need to continually pay for pumping of porta-potties.

4. Invite cultural educators to share knowledge around Hopi stewardship values with community, with an emphasis on our youth, by continuing to create content for presentations through Zoom, YouTube, in after school programs, schools, and within the community so the education is passed along to extended families that embodies what we value as a people and exemplifies good stewardship practices for the place we call home.

This year we have scheduled our cleanups for April 23rd, Earth Day, June 25th, Summer Solstice Cleanup, September 10th, Honoring Grandparents, and October 15th, Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Around the World. We will be recleaning in areas already covered the entire week leading up to the cleanup dates as we are always finding new trash after we have cleaned.

Yes, behavioral lifestyle is the hardest thing to change. Reflection of ourselves is the hardest step to take if we are truly looking at ourselves honestly and how we are contributing, or not, to cleaning up. We are hopeful that if we can begin to move from a transactional state of being to a more transformational state of being. We will then become more attuned to nature around us and how we are living our own lives. By working on achieving this state of mind we will again begin to think of the future. A future we all hold in our hands. More importantly, our grandchildren do not deserve to be left holding the "TRASH BAG!"

For more information about the cleanup, contact Valerie Nuvayestewa at 928-737-2272 or 928-737-2319. Email: h3h3imana@gmail.com



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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA

## 2nd Quarter Session—March 1, 2022

- I. Call To Order
- II. Oath of Office: Kianna Soohafyah, Deputy Revenue Commissioner
- III. Certification of Tribal Council Reps
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Calendar Planning
- IX. Approval of Minutes
- X. Approval of Agenda

### XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Letter dated July 30, 2021 Re: Request to rescind Executive Order #011-2021 and directs the Drought Task Team to reach out to Hopi ranchers and Navajo Accommodation Agreement signers to work on identifying alternatives for addressing drought issues on Hopi lands. Letter dated August 16, 2021 Re: Executive Order #011-2021 Range Mitigation and Livestock Reduction. Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. UNTIL MARCH 2022
2. Action Item #006-2022: Approval to incorporate quarters #169 and #170 into the Moencopi Day School P.L. 100-297 Tribally Controlled School Grant. Author, David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi. TABLED
3. Action Item #028-2022: To approve the FY 2022 Budget and Expenditure Authorization and Appropriations Language. Author Wilfred Gaseoma, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice Chairman. \*\*Time Certain, February 10-11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. TABLED
4. Letter dated January 28, 2022 from Gene Kuwanquaftewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Board of Directors (HTEDC), Re: Appointment of Ms. Nicole Johnson as HTEDC Board Member, for ratification and further research by the Office of Tribal Secretary on HTEDC Policies. Anita Bahnimptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi. TABLED

### XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #030-2022: Approve relinquishment of Hopi Tribal Membership minor child SLJ and to be removed from the Membership Roll of the Hopi Tribe. Author Tanya L. Monroe, Director, Office of Enrollment
2. Action Item #032-2022: Amend H-033-2019 to enable current members of the Water/Energy Committee to serve as members of the Hopi Water Rights Negotiating Team. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
3. Action Item #033-2022: To accept Improving Shared Decision-Making about Cancer Screening Among American Indian Women Experiencing Intellectual Disabilities Program presentation and approval to submit a professional manuscript to the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (or equivalent academic journal), entitled, "Adapting a Cancer Screening Education Program for Native American Women with Disabilities." Author Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services
4. Action Item #034-2022: To approve the Amended Inter-Governmental (IGA) between the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and revised Resolution – Beatrice Norton, Manager, Office of Aging and Adult Services
5. Action Item #035-2022: Approval for reauthorization of Program Agreement with Western Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Author Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation. Time Certain, March 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
6. Action Item #036-2022: To approve a Special Use Land Assignment granting the Hopi Utilities Corporation the right to use of 3,000 ± acres of Tribal land located on the Hopi Reservation, Hopi Partitioned Lands in Range Units 255 and 256 to construct a large solar PV plant and co-located data center. Author Edison Tu'tsi, Program Manager, Office of Hopi Lands Administration. Time Certain, March 8, 2022, 3:00 pm.
7. Presentation on current status of the Tribe's participation in the opioid litigation: Ron Kilgard - Time Certain, March 8, 2022, 9:00–12:00 noon
8. Presentation of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Hopi Tribe and information on securing COVID funding for the Hopi Tribe: Roger B. Fragua, President, Cota Holdings. Time Certain, March 9, 2022, 1-3 p.m.
9. Presentation on American Rescue Plan Act: Jamie Fuller, Blue Stone Strategies. Time Certain, March 9, 2022, 3:15–5pm.
10. Discussion and possible action: Resignation Letter from Dorothy Ami, dated January 19, 2022. Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter of Interest dated February 2, 2022 from Catherine Wright, Re: Interest to serve on the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. Board of Commissioners, Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi
12. Discussion and Possible Action: Memorandum dated February 15, 2022 from Robinson Honani, Re: South Oraibi Range Unit. Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi
13. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter dated January 25, 2022 from Vernita Se-

- lestewa. Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr., Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
14. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter dated February 1, 2022 from the Village of Tewa Clan Leaders. Herman G. Honanie, Tribal Council Rep., Village of Kykotsmovi
15. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter dated February 16, 2022 from Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr. Herman G. Honanie, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
16. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter dated February 10, 2022 from Archie Duwahoyeoma. Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
17. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter dated February 23, 2022 from Blue Stone to present ARPA Planning Process. Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi
18. Discussion/possible action: HR 6141 on Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) to make technical amendments to Public Law 93-531. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. Time Certain, March 10, 2022, 1pm.

### XIII. 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  
(Time Certain: March 10, 2022, 9 a.m.)
  - a. Report: Letter dated December 22, 2021 from Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr., re: Follow-up to Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-071-2021 to correct the Relocation of Employees of the Department of Natural Resources to the Turquoise Well/Tawa'ovi site. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
  - b. Report: Memorandum dated December 16, 2021 from Brant Honahnie re: Employment Resignation. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi
  - c. Report: Hazardous Pay for employees, frontline workers. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Village of Bacavi
  - d. Investigation re: Turquoise Well/Tawa'ovi Site: David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi
6. Office of the General Counsel
7. Land Commission a. Land Commission: Letter dated January 18, 2022 from Harry Nutumya Re: Dual Grazing Referred to Law and Order Committee and Land Commission for review and action and report back to Hopi Tribal Council. Mervin Yoyetewa Tribal Council Rep., Village of Mishongnovi
8. Water/Energy Committee
9. Transportation Committee
10. Law & Order Committee
  - a. Letter dated January 10, 2022 from Marla Dacawyma Re: Mr. Issac Torivio (Deceased). Referred to Law and Order Committee for review and action and report back to Hopi Tribal Council. Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Rep., Village of Mishongnovi
  - b. Letter dated January 18, 2022 from Harry Nutumya Re: Dual Grazing - Referred to Law and Order Committee and Land Commission for review and action and report back to Hopi Tribal Council - Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi
  - c. Report on information received on the Planning and Design of the Detention Facility. Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
  - d. Discussion with the Tribal Courts and Prosecutor's Office on long time issues. Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Rep., First Mesa Consolidated Villages
  - e. Audit Reviews of Hopi Law Enforcement by the BIA. Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
11. Investment Committee
12. Health/Education Committee: Report on Letter dated January 17, 2022 from Dale Siquah Re: Request that Health & Education Committee conduct an inquiry into changes to new construction plans at the Hopi Health Care center. Referred to Health & Education Committee. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Rep, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
13. Report: Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) Recap of 2021 and beyond Cindy Smiley, Chief Executive Officer, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation. Time Certain, March 24, 2022, 9 am.

### XIV. ADJOURNMENT



# Red Feather Development Assists Hopi and Navajo Communities by Developing Solutions to Meet their Housing Needs

By: Esther Honeyestewa  
Red Feather Development Group

Robert and Anita Young, founders of Red Feather Development Group, were spurred to action by the large number of native elders living in freezing conditions due to poor housing conditions in the early 90's. The Young's first project was building a new home for Katherine Red Feather, a Lakota Sioux living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. A decade later, the Youngs were invited to Hopi by Gail Poley, who had heard about Red Feather's straw bale home program and thought it would be beneficial to the Hopi community. Today, Red Feather is led by Joe Seidenberg and a team of 8 dedicated employees, who continue to honor and respect the wishes of the Young's by developing housing solutions for Hopi and Navajo community-identified housing needs.

"Housing is deeply connected to our overall health and wellness and Red Feather remains committed to listening and partnering with those who want to work collectively to implement self-sustaining solutions" says Seidenberg of the organization's current work. Red Feather previously built eight strawbale homes on Hopi, with the help of many community members and volunteers from around the world. Seidenberg highlighted how "those homes would never have been built if it wasn't for the financial support provided to homeowners by the Hopi Credit Association."

Due to demand from the community, Red Feather shifted their efforts away from new construction to focus on housing education and home repairs towards the end of 2014. When the Kayenta mine closed, Red Feather started providing a healthy heating workshop to build awareness of heating alternatives and the importance of wood stove maintenance. During the Pandemic, Red Feather converted the class into an on-line format so people can quickly access resources from their home or mobile devices, while also delivering over 1000 handwashing

stations to families without running water. Red Feather's Direct Solutions program provides an array of healthy home supplies like HEPA filters to improve air quality, fall prevention devices such as shower chairs and toilet risers for elders, at-home water storage tanks, emergency firewood, window and door replacements, and even professional wood stove inspections and cleanings.

"It is amazing how some of these smaller fixes can have huge impacts on the health of those who live in the home", says Senior Program Coordinator Shannon Maho. The Direct Solutions program relies on a partnership between Red Feather and the homeowners to find creative solutions. "Sometimes Red Feather can provide a window for instance, and a family member can do the installation. We always try to work within a collaborative model."

Red Feather's success has relied strongly on a large network of partnerships and collaborations. A few highlights currently include the Hopi Villages, APS, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, USDA, Hopi Ancestral Lands, Hopi Foundation, National Forest Foundation, and the homeowners who are receiving repairs.

Red Feather is always looking for ways to keep expanding and broadening the impact of their programs. A recent focus on supporting Native elders to safely age in place has led to increased ramp building and home accessibility modifications. The organization is also currently developing a tool loan library for those in need of power saws, nail guns, ladders, and more. "Ultimately, the organization is looking to build upon the vast array of resources already in our partner communities and strengthen local capacity to address housing needs independently" says Seidenberg.

More involved home repair projects are always harder to fund, but the organization is continually looking for ways to support these needs as well. The ongoing home weather-



ization program provides full home assessments and the needed work to insulate and weatherize homes for clients that qualify. Red Feather's healthy heating programs address old or unsafe wood stoves, assess options like solar furnaces or heating/cooling pumps, and provide homeowner education. "We can't always provide all the home repairs someone needs, but we do our best to find solutions where we can. We are grateful for the funding and partners we do have that make this important work possible" Shannon explains. "There is abundant science linking the home environment to human health, and our work on homes is really about prioritizing the well-being of the people."

Currently, the Red Feather Board of Directors is led by Chrystal Cornelius, who is the CEO of First Nations Owesta, and a member of the Ojibwe tribe. To learn more about their work or services or to apply, visit [www.redfeather.org](http://www.redfeather.org) or call 928-440-5119.

## VILLAGE CRIER Publication Dates

The Village Crier is published on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Below is the Submissions and Publication Schedule. All submissions: may be sent to Editor/Publisher: Lnahsonhoya@gmail.com

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## First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Representatives Report Card

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

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

### HJSHS Parent Involvement Handbook Work Session—March 22nd & 28th

Parents/Guardians, please join HJSHS Staff for round 2 of our Parent Involvement Handbook Work Sessions on Tuesday, March 22nd and Monday, March 28th. Individuals can attend in-person in the HJSHS Library or via Zoom. Both sessions begin at 6:00 PM. The work sessions are being hosted by Federal Programs Director Lindsay Bahe. The sessions are a great opportunity to share ideas and develop strategies to improve the school to home connections and overall engagement. For questions, please contact Ms. Lindsay Bahe at (928) 738-1418 or lbahe@hjshs.org. For details and Zoom info, please click the link below: <http://edne.tw/n777911>

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## ORDER YOUR FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS

You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. government at [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov) by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Only 4 tests come in an order and only one order per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Please do not wait to order your tests when you have been exposed or become symptomatic as the tests will not arrive in enough time for you to be tested. So please order them now so that you and your loved ones can be prepared.

The U.S. government is now allowing households to order an additional set of 4 test kits. Households that did not place their first order of test kits, can now place their first AND second order. They must complete the ordering process above two (2) times to place both a first and second order (for a total of 8 test kits).

Give Thanks to the Lord  
for He is Good; His  
Love Endures  
Forever.

# James and Gaseoma Join FMCV Staff



## First Mesa Consolidated Villages

“Nu’ Seraphina James yan maatsiwa. Nu’ Aswungwa pu piw Hospowungwa. Nu’ Sit-somovit angqwa.

Greetings! I recently joined the staff at First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) as Records Management Clerk.

The work experience and skills I bring to this office will give me the opportunity to provide administrative support to the FMCV administration, our community and the Hopi/Tewa people.

I look forward to enhancing my skills as well as carrying out the duties of my position to the best of my abilities.”



## First Mesa Consolidated Villages

“My name is Jayden Gaseoma and I am from the Coyote Clan from the Village of Tewa.

My first day at this job as Laborer with the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV), was on March 1.

I enjoy my job with FMCV, as it gives me experience and the opportunity to help the Community and the people.

I look forward to working with the FMCV Office, the Community and village members.



# Hopi Tribe Department of Health & Human Services COVID-19 Report

## Hopi Health Care Center, Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccines are available in the afternoons on Mondays and Wednesdays for the month of March for those 5 years and older. To schedule an appointment call (928) 737-6148 or 737-6081. Appointments are required. For questions about COVID-19 vaccines please call (928) 737-6198 or 737-6197.

COVID-19 Testing Drive -up Testing schedule: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:15-9:30 AM. Enter at the west entrance & drive around back. Mask must be worn by everyone in your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle at all times. To schedule for testing or for more information please call (928) 737-6187 or 6233.

A COVID-19 Hotline has been created by the Hopi Health Care Center to assist with all COVID-19 related questions and service requests. The hotline is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM -5 PM. To contact the COVID-19 hotline please call (928) 737-6187.

When using an at-home test it is very important that you report your results to the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline so that contact tracing can be done and accurate data is provided to the community.

## Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination

To all Moenkopi residents, TCRHCC’s COVID-19 vaccine drive-thru clinic is now located west of the Health Promotion & Diabetes Prevention Fitness Center (HPDP) building, next to helipad. The vaccine clinic is available Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. No appointment necessary.

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You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. govern-

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

Symptoms, Quarantine and Isolation: Watch for Symptoms - people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure and can range from mild to severe. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Currently, the local health department and HHCC are implement the MOST RECENT recommended CDC guidelines which is a 5 day isolation for those who test positive and a continuation of wearing a mask when around others for 5 additional days after isolation. Quarantine procedures will depend based on the individual’s vaccination status at the time of contact with the positive individual. Be aware that when someone

tests positive they became contagious 2 days before they developed symptoms, or if they are not experiencing symptoms 2 days before they tested positive not the day they received their results.

If someone was less than 6 feet away from a potential positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period they would be considered a close contact regardless of whether or not both parties were wearing masks. For example, Molly was within 6 feet of Sam on Thursday night for 10 minutes and on Friday morning for 5 minutes. Sam developed symptoms Saturday evening, was tested for COVID on Monday, and received their results on Wednesday. Because Molly was within 6 feet of Sam for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period within the 2 day timeframe she is now considered to be a close contact. If you have been identified as a close contact you may or may not need to quarantine depending on your vaccination status. If an unvaccinated individual that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will need to quarantine for 5 days beginning on the infected person’s 5th day of isolation, with that day being Day 0 and the following day being Day 1. That means the caregiver could potentially be out of work for 10 days. If a vaccinated person that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will not have to quarantine but will need to get tested 5 days from the 5th day of the infected person’s isolation. If a vaccinated person develops symptoms while caring for an infected person they will need to get tested as soon as possible and remain at home until they receive their results.

### COVID-19: Should you quarantine or isolate?

After you talk with your healthcare provider, what should you do?

**Quarantine** if you were in close contact with someone with COVID-19 and:

Are unvaccinated. **OR** Need a booster.

**Stay home for at least 5 full days after your last contact. Don't go to work. Avoid public places.**

Wear a mask near people for an additional 5 full days.

You don't need to quarantine if you are fully vaccinated and got your booster dose or IF YOU were exposed to COVID-19 and had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (you tested positive using a viral test) unless you develop symptoms.

**Get tested 5 days after your last contact regardless of your vaccination status.**

Symptoms can appear 2-14 days after exposure.

- Fever or chills.
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrrhea

Check your temperature twice a day and monitor for symptoms until 14 days after close contact.

**If you get any COVID-19 symptoms, isolate and call your healthcare provider.**

Avoid travel until you have completed the full 10 days

**Isolate** if you:

- Are sick with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Test positive for COVID-19

**Stay home until:**

- 5 full days after symptoms started or date tested if you don't have symptoms. Don't go to work. Avoid public places.
- Symptoms improve.
- 24 hours after fever is gone without using medicine.

**Wear a mask near people for an additional 5 full days.**

Avoid travel until you have completed the full 10 days

If you live with others, set up a room where you won't be around people or pets. Use a separate bathroom if possible.

**Call your healthcare provider immediately if your symptoms get worse.**

**Call 911 if you have a medical emergency.**

Tell the dispatcher you have or may have COVID-19. Wear a face covering before emergency medical services arrive or you go to the emergency department.

For more information about quarantine and isolation call the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 Hotline Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at (928) 737-6187

Learn more and stay updated at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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