



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Newsletter

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Tala'kyelmuyaw
Going Home Moon
Katsina are going
home

Summer Solstice

This Month in Hopi History

AD1540: Pedro de Tovar, First Spanish contact with Hopi at Awatovi

July 20, 1942: Hopi Potter Nampeyo died

1958: Healing vs Jones case

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Save Blue Bird Canyon



Photos Courtesy of Paul Sidney and Ivan Sidney, Jr.

On or around July 4, a fire was reported out in the Blue Bird Canyon area, within the jurisdiction of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages and within the boundaries of the Hopi Reservation.

A large plume of smoke was clearly visible from First Mesa; and despite reported phone calls to the Hopi Tribe Fire & Rescue and Law Enforcement Services, there was no response.

Blue Bird Canyon, is a pristine area located south of Hopi Jr. Sr. High School. Although no one currently resides in the area, there are a couple traditional ranch homes and structures in the area.

Upon checks to the area, it appears the fire was intentionally caused by fireworks, outside a ranch home. There also appeared to be forced

entry into the home. It is not known whether the homeowners were notified.

The perpetrator/s did not attempt to cover their tracks and left several pieces of evidence behind.

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Illegal Dumping Increases the Health & Safety of Residents in First Mesa and Community



PHOTOS courtesy of Wilma Dengavi and FMCV Public Safety Officers

The FMCV office has received several complaints and concerns of continued illegal dumping of trash, discarded home furnishings and electronics, in the Wash and on BIA Route 16-old Winslow Rd across LDS church.

FMCV Public Safety Officers Jack Pashano and Ramone Howato responded to the scene to temporarily secure the area until authorities can properly dispose of the dis-

carded matter. Because of the trash dumping, wild and domesticated animals go to the area for rotting garbage and become sick and often-times perish from eating rotting waste of other animals. The area is unsightly and has a strong odor of rotting carcass. This area is a popular area for community members to walk, jog, and run. Everyone should be aware of the unsafe and potential health hazards when

out exercising. It has been reported that a new, or what appears to be new, mattress set, enclosed in plastic, was dumped in the Wash and might be mistaken as reusable. The mattress and sofa are infested with bugs. Beware and do not touch discarded refuse! First Mesa has had several family members become tragically ill and succumbed to the corona virus and do not want any-

one else to suffer at the careless acts of illegal dumping. It is the responsibility of everyone to respect and protect our lands. It should be a community effort to keep it clean and safe. Illegal dumping is irresponsible, unsightly and hazardous. Individuals could be prosecuted if caught. If you know of individuals committing these unlawful acts, call the Hopi Police or the FMCV at 737-2670.



Save Blue Bird Canyon—from P1

Due to the disrespect and non-compliance by individual village members, other Hopi individuals and non-Hopi people; and the violations and desecrations of religious and historic sites such as Blue Bird Canyon, the FMCV traditional leadership approved **Resolution No. FMCV 02-2016**.

The Resolution declares all religious springs, shrines, religious trails, ruins and historic sites are off limits to all individuals, without proper authorization. The Resolution also states “that the Hopi Tribal Officials, Hopi Resource Enforcement, Hopi BIA Police, village members are requested to assist with the enforcement of the orders of this resolution.”

Also by Hopi Tribe Executive Order #01-2016, executed on June 22, 2016, a “State of Extreme Fire Danger,” was declared within the boundaries of the Hopi Reservation..., until Further Notice. The Declaration is still active with restrictions and sanctions; including but not limited to the following:

- Open burns are prohibited within the Reservation woodlands, wetlands, rangelands, farming areas, residential areas, and near public facilities.
- Fireworks are prohibited. The possession or use of fireworks is prohibited due to the high fire danger. Fireworks will be confiscated by BIA Law Enforcement Officers and/or Hopi Resource Enforcement Officers.

Individuals in violation of the Executive Order may be prosecuted in accordance with the following Hopi Code sections: 3.4.5 Civil Damages (which may include a fine up to \$15,000); 3.8.6 Criminal Damage To Property; and 3.8.8 Burning.

The FMCV leadership encourages respect for self, for others, their livelihood and respect for the land.

Blue Bird Canyon is a historic site. If you know of anyone who participated in the above violations, you are Encouraged to call the Hopi Law Enforcement Services or the FMCV Public Safety Officers/Office.



Local schools gear up to begin on-line classes in the Fall

With the continued rise of COVID-19 cases in Arizona, most schools around the State have decided not to open school facilities for in-person classes but, rather, start the Fall Semester with on-line instruction. Local Hopi Schools also plan to start the Fall semester with on-line classes and are in the process of finalizing plans.

Parents and students are encouraged to keep in contact with Schools for updated information and instruction on how

to proceed with your child's alternative learning plan during this pandemic.

HJSHS has put out an announcement for students, parents and guardians to complete an on-line survey regarding internet accessibility. The announcement reads:

"ATTENTION HJSHS STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS: If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to complete the HJSHS internet accessibility survey. The survey deadline

has been extended to July 24, 2020 at 4:00pm MST. If you cannot take the survey online, please call HJSHS at (928) 738-5111 and notify either the high school or Jr. High School secretaries of your current internet situation. The information is vital! HTI is offering free internet to students and their immediate families. Therefore, they have requested all Hopi Schools collect this information and provide it to HTI as soon as possible."

Internet Services for Students

A technology team comprised of all Hopi schools is working to gather information on internet accessibility in order to:

Determine and identify household internet needs

Identify and develop reliable internet connections for online/distance learning

Provide as many students with the necessary resources for online/distance learning

Arizona Reservation Schools Canceling Sports Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

News Release

AZ Republic Reporter Richard Obert:

"There could be at least a dozen reservation high schools in Arizona that won't have fall sports this school year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keams Canyon Hopi Jr. Sr. High School, Rock Point and Fort Defiance Window Rock are the latest to confirm that there will be no football, cross-country

or volleyball played this fall with schools turning to online only.

Hopi has one of the nation's richest cross country traditions. Its boys team had a 27-year state championship streak end in 2017. In 2016, the Hopi cross country program was profiled by ESPN in a documentary called, *Run Hopi*."

"The school's governing board approved an updated school calendar in which school starts on Sept. 8 with 100% online instruction," Hopi Athletic Director Ricky Greer said. "The school foresees staying with the online instruction for at least the first quarter. As a result, no students will be on campus and our fall athletics seasons have been canceled."

Council's Corner

Report by Albert Siquah, FMCV HTC Representative

HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As a member of the Hopi Tribe Health and Education Committee. The following information is provided, concerning the HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM.

For the past five (5) years we have been conducting meetings, information sessions and surveys across the reservation, related to a Unified School System, to include the following schools and education programs on Hopi:

Keams Canyon Elementary School
 Hopi Junior Senior High School
 First Mesa Elementary School
 Second Mesa Day School
 Hopi Day School
 Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School
 Moencopi Day School
 Early Childhood Programs

Based on information gathered throughout the Hopi Villages, it was evident that there was a desire to combine the educational programs serving our youth to provide for a comprehensive education system for students attending the schools beginning with early childhood through the Hopi Junior Senior High School.

A Transition Team has been identified with membership from services provided at schools which include; Transportation, Facilities, Safety, Teachers, Administrators, Parents, Food Services, Para Professionals, and other Specialists in education. NOTE: many of the team members are members of the Hopi Tribe.

This Team has developed a plan to establish a system to meet the education needs of our Hopi Youth beginning from preschool through High School. There are many areas that must be addressed related to taking over this responsibility, the following is a parcel listing of some of the major areas

which are to be addressed:

- Revise the Hopi Education Code in light of COVID 19
- Adopt Standardized School Policies
- Determine the staffing of the Central Administration Office
- Identify a location for the Central Administration Office facility
- Election of a Hopi Board of Education
- Apply for Single Tribally Controlled Schools Grant

There are many tasks within each of the major areas which must be addressed to assure that the Hopi School System provides for a quality education. The timeline for completion of this important task is July 1, 2023. Yes, it will take three years to complete this effort.

I encourage each community member to take interest, to support, and to participate in this worthwhile effort to establish a Quality Hopi School System, to provide for the education of our youth.

HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM - COVID-19

Due to COVID -19, all Hopi Schools will be providing alternative educational services Online (internet) as well attendance at the schools. This will be a new and challenging method of providing instruction which will require that the home be more directly involved in the education of our youth.

I am aware that the proposed opening day at the First Mesa Elementary School is on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 which is a date proposed by the School Administrator and approved by the School Board. I encourage Parents/Guardians to keep informed of this novel system to assure that, all students are successful, in this new method of learning.

Wear a Mask to protect yourself and others, when out in the public
 If you have the virus, please stay home and self-quarantine

**I have the
RIGHT to
KNOW**

**I CARE about my
Community**

**I WANT to know
what's happening
in my community**

PUBLIC SAFETY

**It is who we are, It
is who we serve.**

**Together, we share
a commitment to
help build safe,
strong, and
thriving
communities**

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* July 17, 2020					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	21	384**	2527	21	2,945

Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.

Number of Cases per Village as of July 17, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	7	2	9
Orayvi	7		7
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	126	2	128+
Musangnuvi	4		4
Supawlavi	15		15+
Söngoopavi	94		94+
Yuwelu-paki	5		5
Paaqavi	2		2
Hotvela	7	5	12
Keams Canyon	8	3	11
Munqapi		27*	27
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
TOTAL	280	39	319

*Your kindness meant more
Than you'd ever guess
Thank you so much
For your thoughtfulness*



Many thanks to you, Ivan, for caring for the Hopi/Tewa people. Wish there were others that would be here for us elderly and help us out like you and your staff do for the community.

Thank you to the Public Safety Officers who check on our neighborhood and villages to keep us safe during these dangerous times. We all need to work together, respect one another and pray for one another.

You will someday be rewarded by the hands of the Lord. Thank you again, for your support and kindness.

*God Bless You,
Tom & Mary Shepherd*

**WEAR A MASK
STOP THE SPREAD
OF THE CORONAVIRUS
SAVE A LIFE**

There is currently no vaccine for the novel coronavirus. The virus has taken the lives of many of our family members and relatives and the numbers of persons contracting the virus in First Mesa continues to rise.

The best way to protect yourself and others is to WEAR A MASK in the public and social distance of at least six feet.

Masks will Help Stop the Spread and Help Save a Life

**First Mesa Youth Center's
Business Center**

Need to Print,
Scan or Fax
documents??

**We are now open
for window
service only!!**

Starting Thursday, July 16, 2020

Hours: **Tuedays and Thursdays
9:30 am to 1:30 pm**


Prices:

Copies:	B&W- \$0.10
	Color- \$0.25
Fax:	\$1.00 per page

****Please have correct change****

***Must wear a mask**

For more information call FMYC at (928)737-2799 or
email Cheyenne Walker at Cwalker@htha.org.



"Building a Better Tomorrow for Our Community"

Encouragement from First Mesa Consolidated Villages Leadership

Since time immemorial, the Hopi Tewa people have survived all the hardships of life; including diseases, illnesses and pandemics. We are a resilient people and have survived adversities for thousands of years.

Our ways of survival is one of reciprocity—coming together to help one another and joining together to share meals. We come together for many things, even during funerals.

This tuuya, novel coronavirus, is spread from people to people; and because there is no vaccine for the virus, many of our relatives have lost their lives from the deadly virus.

We must now, separate ourselves and refrain from visitations and gathering for meals around the table; especially, during funerals. During this time, funerals should be reserved to immediate family only. You are encouraged to help your family and relatives with monetary donations; but avoid gathering.

This is for only a short time compared to the centuries we have lived together, shared our homes and ate together. When this pandemic passes, we can practice our Hopi cultural and traditional ways again.

We are all one—we are consolidated and all related in one way or another. We must put all differences aside and work together, respect one another, protect one another and pray for each other.

Kyaaptsi, Respect, is important. Pray each day, for good health, safety, prosperity and long lives.

Call First Mesa Consolidated Villages Office at 737-2670 if you have any questions or need assistance. You may also call First Mesa Village Pastor, Tael Lim, at 928-401-1485 (cell) for prayers or just to talk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Hopi Festival &
Tuuvi Gathering Cancelled**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Hopi Festival, in First Mesa and the Tuuvi Gathering in Moenkopi have been cancelled.

Both events are based on social gatherings; therefore, for safety purposes and to avoid , have been cancelled.

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Public Safety Officer

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Leo Lacapa
Soyal Mongwi

Sam Tenakhongva
Katsin Mongwi

Dickson Silas
Spokesman

**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVES**

Albert Siquah
Dale Siquah
Wally Youvella, Sr.
Wally Youvella, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE
First Mesa Consolidated
Villages Office

Hours of Operation

Due to the continued increase in COVID-19 cases,
the FMCV Office will not be physically open,
but will be OPEN for
TELEPHONE BUSINESS SERVICE ONLY:

BUILDING CLOSED — No physical contact

TELEPHONE SERVICE ONLY: 928-737-2670

HOURS OF SERVICE: 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

WATER PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BY MAIL,
MONEY ORDER, CREDIT CARD
OR BILL PAY, ONLY

Mail Payments to:
FMCV, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ

FMCV PUBLIC SAFETY, TO PROTECT & SERVE



Food For Thought

Keep reaching out because you may help pull someone out of darkness and guide them into the light

During this coronavirus pandemic, parents and families are experiencing what school teachers and educators go through, five days a week during a normal school year.

In most classrooms, teachers have about 25 students in their care during the day to teach, discipline, love, care for and also ensure they get their breakfast and lunch.

Students are missing school; but it is Not Safe for children to physically return to school yet.

Draw something you are thankful for

A teacher gave her class a fun assignment — to draw a picture of something they were thankful for. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still had many possessions to be thankful for. Some students drew pictures of laptops, games, clothing, toys, a house, etc.

But a boy named Douglas drew a different kind of picture. Douglas was a shy and quiet boy. He seemed to be frail and unhappy. When the other children played at recess, Douglas would usually

stand close beside his teacher. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes.

Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. Nothing else, just an empty hand.

His abstract image caused his classmates to question and imagine what his picture meant. Whose hand could it be? One child guessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers grow food to eat. Another suggested a police officer because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, because God feeds us, protects us and loves us. The discussion went on and the teacher almost forgot the young artist himself.

When the children had gone on to other assignments, she stopped at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was.

The little boy looked away and quietly said, "It's yours, teacher. I am thankful when you take my hand and show me you care about me. I feel safe when

you take my hand."

She recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there. How often had she said, "Take my hand, Douglas, we'll go outside;" Or, "Let me show you how to hold your pencil;" Or, "Let's do this together." Douglas said he was most thankful for his teacher's hand.

Brushing aside a tear, she quickly turned away and went on with her work.

This story speaks of more than thankfulness. It says something about teachers who are teaching, parenting and showing friendship, and how much this means to all the Douglases of the world. They might not always say thank you, but they'll remember the hand that reaches out.

Moral of the story: Keep reaching out because you may help pull someone out of darkness and guide them into the light.

Take time to thank the Teachers and Educators who take on parental roles during the school year.

**WEAR A MASK WHEN IN THE PUBLIC
SOCIAL DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6'
WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP & WATER
USE HAND SANITIZERS IF YOU CAN'T WASH YOUR HANDS**