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HOPI CALENDAR

Tala'Paamuyaw
(August)
The Moon of
Positive Hopi Life

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

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- 1629: Franciscans arrived at Awat'ovi to establish a mission.
- 1680: Pueblo Revolt forced the Spanish out of the Southwest.
- 1680: Franciscans killed (Orayvi, Awat'ovi, and Soongopavi)

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Construction Work Begins on Flood Damage at Polacca Wash



Photo By: Wilber Kaye
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Louella Furcap, Public Information Officer
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Initial Channel Dig — Excavation work at the flooded Polacca Wash channel has begun under the Hwy 264 Polacca Bridge Area. Motorists are asked to travel cautiously and slow down when passing through the construction zone. Work will continue for the next 2-3 weeks or until the Project is complete. Heavy equipment trucks are in use at the work site and community members/villagers are asked to stay away from the worksite for their own safety and to allow the construction crew to complete the project in a timely manner. Below is a map, with a red line outlining the excavation area. SEE Article on Page 3.



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Emergency Business Development

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

Our villages have experienced two years of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), several years of Polacca wash flooding, shifting of our sacred mesa, arsenic in our village water system, non-recognition of our self-government by Hopi Tribal Officials, Tribal Council’s takeover of village land authority, etc. All these required intense time and effort to provide the need for continued services.

From these experiences, it was deemed that a Village Emergency Plan is required to complement proposals for funding and, especially, to provide services during emergencies.

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) office now has a *draft* emergency plan, to be finalized, which will be used when facing potential hardships with the critical issues we currently face. During the COVID isolations, we all suffered the lack of critical health care, and basic supplies for our daily needs. FMCV worked 24/7 to provide the water and sewer needs of the community. Our leaders ordered this as a priority need and allowed leniency on delinquent water payments. As a result, our

water program is now in need of maintenance supplies and new equipment.

The Polacca bridge continues to be in jeopardy to flood waters and could someday result in closure of the main route from Tuba City to the New Mexico state line. The result will cutoff immediate excess for health care services, schools, gasoline and daily required business activities. Our village would also be shut off from direct services and be required to take longer routes for services. Our isolated reservation has resulted in the denial of our residents and visitors from enjoying the much-needed economic development.

For years, there has been the need for our village base and owned business developments. These would create jobs, income and support our daily needs. Who should be responsible for these business developments? For too long, the Hopi Tribe has developed plans and no action to implement to reality. In fact, today, the Hopi Tribe is depleting the people’s savings to pay for operations of tribal government.

It has been several years since the closure of the Peabody Coal Mine and with it,

the loss of revenues. Today, no sizable revenue is being received and no action plans to replenish the lost revenues. Recently, the Hopi Tribal Officials dedicated a Hotel in Cottonwood, Arizona at the expense of the Hopi People. This does not satisfy the on-reservation village business developments.

With the current Hopi leadership’s non-recognition of our self-government, we do not expect assistance, although we have development lands set-aside with the required infrastructure. It must be the effort of our village people to support and join our proposals for these much-needed business developments.

Our internal village disagreements have been ongoing for too long and we must dedicate our strengths along with prayers for the development and survival of our village. Years ago, our leaders already approved land for business development along with the infrastructure. It has remained our responsibility to work for the reality of developments to sustain our livelihood, while we cope with the obstacles of life.

The Polacca Wash Flooding Mitigation Plan is Only one of Other Environmental/Geological Concerns that First Mesa Must Address

By: Wilber Kaye, Staff Assistant
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Polacca Wash Flooding mid-term mitigation plan is well under way and the community will see a quick completion due to the oncoming monsoon rains. Although the work is being done at a seemingly rapid pace, professional planning precluded its commencement.

Planning for the Long-term solution will begin immediately after this project is completed. The work is being done by the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and their contractors.

This is only one of the environmental/geological concerns that First Mesa must address.

There is also mesa erosion, the road leading up to the mesa and the rainwater/snow melt drainage systems off of the mesa. These present an immediate danger to the community and visitors alike.

FMCV reached out to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to initiate a process of survey, assessment, and recommendations to mitigate some of the issues at hand. In June 2023 the USGS along with the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS) conducted a site assessment of the mesa (Walpi to Tewa) and along the road (HIR 508). The mesa drainage system was not a

part of this assessment.

FMCV has received several recommendations from USGS and AZGS. We are currently conferring with Traditional Leadership and others to determine the optimal focus and implementation of these recommendations. This will eventually require the Hopi Tribes involvement.

The First Mesa Council Representatives will begin this process on behalf of First Mesa and will be among their priorities. FMCV would like to use this experience to improve communications and partnerships so that the future mitigation processes

proceed without undue obstacles, miscommunication, or lack of communication.

FMCV recognizes there are other concerns that our community faces as well, such as: trash, abandoned homes, crime, animal control, etc. With the assistance of the community service offices, we hope to address all these issues to make our community safer, to attract businesses, and provide a better quality of life for our people.

Please call First Mesa Consolidated Villages for more information or suggestions regarding these issues.

Public meetings are forthcoming.

Construction Crew Begins Work at Flooded Polacca Wash –from P1

Myron Ami, Consultant
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

First Mesa, AZ - The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) construction contractor began setting up their equipment on Friday, July 21, at the approved staging location, next to the old FINA service station in Polacca, Az so the wash mitigation project can progress as planned.

Due to lack of communication between the USACE and the Hopi Tribe, who monitor the project, the USACE had to contact the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) to assist them with establishing prework necessities i.e., approving a site for erecting a 10,000-gallon water tank for dust abatement, hydrant access for the tank, location for their project office/trailer and other infrastructure necessary for the construction project.

Contact was made with Ivan Sidney, FMCV Administrator, for the project to move forward as planned.

The initial phase of the construction will include removal of all vegetation from the actual channel to be constructed. Vegetation i.e., cottonwood trees, salt cedar and excavated trash will be piled separately at locations to be determined. Excavated trash will be hauled to the Hopi landfill by the contractor.

The actual channel/construction will extend approximately 200 feet upstream from the Hwy 264 bridge and approximately 2400 feet downstream from the bridge. Construction is to continue seven days a week until the project is complete. At present, we expect it to take approximately two weeks.

“The channeling of the wash is for our community, and we must provide an immediate response for this project,” said Sidney. “A public meeting will be held on the evening of August 1, at the Polacca Community Building to inform and update community members on the status of the Polacca Wash flooding and a status update on the cracking of First Mesa.”

Warning signs will be erected to warn the public of the construction. The public is strongly urged to use caution when passing through the construction zone. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For further information on the Project, you may call Sidney or Wilber Kaye at 928-737-2670.

Hopi Tribal Council Report

Investment Oversight Standing Committee,

Transportation Task Team, Gaming Committee

By: Councilman Wallace Youvella, Jr.
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Hopi Tribal Council July 2023:

Action Item #062-2023– To amend Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-060-2022. Mark Talayumptewa, Chair, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee.

This Action Item was passed and primarily amends and increases ARPA administrative costs from approximately \$263,000 to approx. \$556,000. This increase is to employ additional employees for the purposes to assist in the procurement, finance oversight and expenditures of the Hopi ARPA funds.

Action Item #061-2023– To approve and adopt a revised Investment Policy Statement. Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

Per the current Hopi Investment Policy, the policy is to be reviewed each year and revised as needed. The Action Item was passed and makes conservative revisions the Hopi Investment Policy to reflect the current state of the investments. The priority, other than gaining the highest yield possible, is to protect the current and future investment interests of the Hopi Tribe.

Investment Oversight Standing Committee:

Discussion on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranch (H3CR) request for a loan forgiveness. The Principal of the loan is \$300,000 with interest owed at approximately \$1.2 million. The H3CR has been giving the Hopi Tribe a dividend for many years and seeks to have those funds offset what is owed with the forgiveness of the loan. Although there are several options supported to resolve this matter, the Land Commission who was initially tasked with oversight of the H3CR, will continue to work with H3CR to bring an Action Item to Hopi Tribal Council.

Discussion about conducting a forensic audit of the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation has led to the IOSC directing the Director of Finance, Jim Davis, to review and begin the audit process. For many years the HTEDC has been operating with a constant negative equity as well as not sharing the worth of all properties owned by the HTEDC, to name a few of the questions surrounding the HTEDC. In years where the HTEDC has no revenue or negative revenue, a dividend check has still been given to the Hopi Tribe, however it is highly questionable how a dividend can be extended to the Hopi Tribe when the HTEDC had no net profit. The Hopi Tribe is the sole shareholder of the HTEDC and pertinent financial information should be shared with the Hopi Tribal Council so that it can be shared with the Hopi People.

The IOSC is still awaiting a report, to the Hopi Tribal Council, from the Finance Director on the CARES funds and the unauthorized expenditure of approximately \$5.8 million beyond the limits of the CARES funds.

Sharing some success regarding Hopi Investments fostered by Rockefeller, the pursuit of higher yields by using Short Term Gov’t Bonds, has brought to the Hopi Tribe approximately \$3.9 million YTD. These bonds are very secure and at present offer a great return on the Hopi Tribe’s investments. We want to thank the Hopi Tribal Treasurer as well as our partners at Rockefeller for their continued work to not only keep Hopi investments secure, but to grow them as well.

Transportation Task Team:

The SR264/IR4 Intersection & Pedestrian Pathway Lighting project is underway near the Hopi Cultural Center. It is advised that drivers use caution in the area due to construction.

HIR 501(3) Bacavi Streets project by HDOT has begun on July 25, 2023. If driving in the area, please use caution and be aware of construction.

Follow-up meetings with Coconino County, Navajo Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) and Asst. Secretary Arlando Teller have continued into July.

The NDOT presented to the Transportation Task Team regarding the status of their Navajo project N8031 Hard Rock to Pinon, which does cross a portion of the Hopi Nation. Outstanding is the current approved revocable permit which is now near expiration and is in need to be extended in order for the project to continue to move forward, which will then hopefully lead to the successful processing of a Right of Way. Therefore the program is working

on a draft of the extension to schedule for Hopi Tribal Council action on behalf of NDOT and HDOT. There has been dialogue with ranchers in the area regarding possible need for access gates.

A meeting with the BIA Western Region Office regarding Right of Ways led to a separate discussion regarding the lack of audits by the Hopi Tribe. It was told to the participants of the meeting, which included Mr. Jim Davis, Director of Finance for the Hopi Tribe, Hopi Finance Dept. Staff, members of the Transportation Task Team, Hopi Dept. of Transportation Staff and various Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel that the Hopi Tribe is behind by three (3) audits.

Much discussion took place and the summary is that the Hopi Tribe is in a serious position of funds being withheld as well as possibly jeopardizing 638 programs. It was shared that two letters from the BIA, outlining the grievous nature of the matter were sent to Hopi Tribal Leadership, one in the Spring of 2022 and another in December of 2022 with no official communication back to the BIA by Hopi. To this date, the Hopi Tribal Council has still not been formally told of the situation nor have the letters been shared with HTC to be read into official record.

It was highly suggested by the BIA that the Hopi Tribe conduct audits simultaneously, rather than one at a time due to the length of time the Hopi Tribe takes with audits. At this time, Mr. Jim Davis indicated that one audit is currently being worked on and should be completed in the coming months.

This discussion came about from a concern that Transportation funds could be possibly withheld due to the lack of audits on the part of the Hopi Tribe. The Hopi Tribal Council has a responsibility to look into this matter as this could and most likely will have serious and long lasting repercussions if not attended to immediately and expeditiously.

HIR 10(1) Spider Springs Road. The Right of Way package is incomplete and status is unknown, however a meeting with BIA Western Region and Hopi Realty took place to discuss the matter. HDOT, BIA DOT and Hopi Realty will work together to complete the process. This is very much the status of many of the other roads across the Hopi Nation that await new construction.

The Hopi Senom Transit has unfortunately been challenged with AC units going out in the various transit busses. Some routes remain open, however some are on hold until the busses can get the AC units repaired. If you have a question about routes, please call the Hopi Senom Transit program at 928-734-3231/3232/3233.

Gaming Committee:

With continued exploration into the various ways that Hopi can get into Gaming, a main component now revolves around a gaming attorney. There will be continued discussion and analysis into obtaining an attorney for the sole purpose of gaming.

Other:

In the past several months, I have been invited to and attended various meetings regarding First Mesa Village matters such as the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project, preservation of the stability of First Mesa and the Flood issues at the Polacca Wash. Meeting with the staff of FMCV, the BIA, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Chairman’s Staff has led to some progress in areas.

Admittedly by many, there has been an unfortunate breakdown in communication in the past, however, it is hopeful that all parties are kept in the loop to work in collaboration to continue work on behalf of the people. It was positive to hear Ms. Terri Honani of the Chairman’s Office, express that she would be the conduit between the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Hopi Tribe and the local FMCV Office regarding the flood issues. Work is set to start on a temporary channel in late July.

With the HAMP, it is clear that the local governance of First Mesa was not honored or respected. It is imperative that the Hopi Tribe, BIA, other entities understand and adhere to the local governance of First Mesa as projects are brought forward. Progress and infrastructure is needed, however the proper process must be followed through.

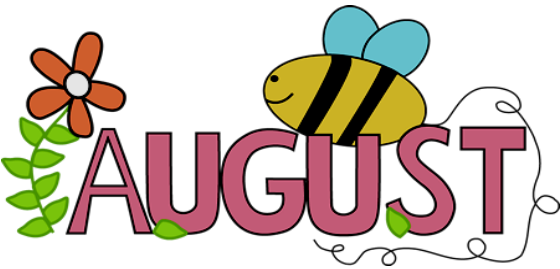
Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee UPDATE Report

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Racheal Povatah, HTPRC Secretary

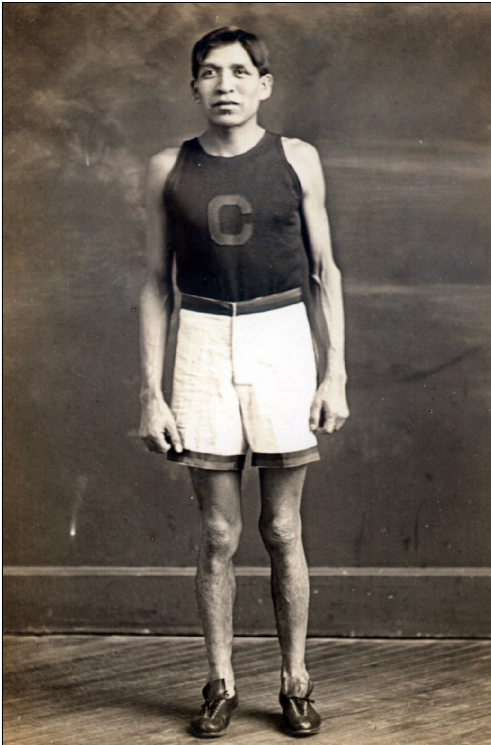
Kykotsmovi, Ariz.-July 20, 2023- The Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee (HTPRC) announcement on July 14 was to inform folks about the progress the Committee is making which includes:

- Funding provided to Villages or other entities that propose to undertake projects using the Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF). Funding is still available and HTPRC is continuing to accept applications. Applications and Eligible Cost guidelines are available at <https://hopi-nsn.us>.
- The Hopi Tribal Council approved electronic (on-line) submission of applications for the General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program (GWEAP) which are funds for eligible enrolled Tribal members. This may make it easier to apply.
- The on-line submission was not utilized during the disbursement of the CARES funds. Paper applications will also be available & accepted.
- Eligibility determination: Must be age 18 years old by December 31, 2022
- Applications ARE NOT available at this time. Committee is working on the details of developing the application, amount to be distributed, etc.
- Announcements will be made through different media: Hopi Tribe webpage, the FMCV Village Crier, Hopi Tutuveni, KUYI Hopi Radio and by sharing through your own social media, Facebook, etc.

Questions can be directed to Racheal Povatah, HTPRC Secretary, at 928.734.3392 or RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us or Mark Talayumptewa at Mark.csa@kykotsmovi.com. ###



50th Annual Louis Tewanima Footrace set for Sept. 3



At the Stockholm Olympics, Tewanima won the silver medal in the 10,000m run, setting a US Olympic record that endured for an impressive 50 years until it was broken by Billy Mills, another Native American athlete.

Second Mesa, Arizona – The Louis Tewanima Footrace returns to the Hopi reservation Sept. 3 for its 50th year.

The event, held annually at the Shungopavi Village Baseball Field in the heart of Hopi country, is a landmark event with participants from all backgrounds partaking in the prestigious race that honors the legacy of Louis Tewanima, a revered Hopi Olympian, and pays tribute to the vibrant culture of the Hopi people.

The 50th Annual Louis Tewanima Footrace offers an exciting and technical race experience, featuring two categories: a challenging 10k and a fast-paced 5k.

Runners will have the opportunity to test their endurance and showcase their skills amid the captivating landscapes of Second Mesa, Arizona. This race event serves as a remarkable occasion to unite individuals in celebrating the powerful connection between athleticism and cultural heritage.

Louis Tewanima’s remarkable journey began in 1906 when he valiantly defended his Hopi heritage, resulting in his arrest and subsequent enrollment in the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania for reeducation.

Under the guidance of coach Glenn S. “Pop”

Warner, Tewanima emerged as a long-distance running champion, earning acclaim at the highest level. He proudly represented the Hopi Nation and the United States at the 1908 Olympics in London, England and the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden where he competed alongside his esteemed Carlisle teammate and fellow Native American, Jim Thorpe.

At the Stockholm Olympics, Tewanima won the silver medal in the 10,000m run, setting a US Olympic record that endured for an impressive 50 years until it was broken by Billy Mills, another Native American athlete. Following his medal-winning performance, Tewanima returned to his Hopi roots, living out his life as a respected elder among the Hopi people.

Participants are encouraged to register early to secure their place in this historic race. Entry fees for the 10K category are \$55, while the 5K category is priced at \$45. After July 31, fees will increase, so early registration is highly recommended. Please note that the race is limited to 300 participants, so don’t miss your chance to be part of this memorable event.

To register for the 50th Annual Louis Tewanima Footrace, please visit the sign-up page at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/>



Construction work has begun west of the flooded Polacca Wash Bridge area. Motorists and families in surrounding areas are asked to slow down when driving through the area and be alert when driving around the construction zone. Photos By: Myron Ami

FIRST MESA
ELEMENTARY

Back To School
Open Enrollment

Arts & Craft/Food Vendors Welcome
Please call LyAnn Naha at FMES
for a space @ 928 737 2581

August 1, 2023
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Come meet our Principal,
Teachers and Staff

Hopi Jr Sr High School 2022-2023 Home Health Students

Attention all HJSHS Students that took Home Health during the 22-23 School Year: If you did not complete your OSHA 10 certification, it remains open until the end of August. Please click the link below to visit the certification site. Remember, it's a NATIVE CTE paid certification. ALL students that were in the home health aide classes (2022-2023) have an account and should continue becoming OSHA certified. Once certified, you are certified for life. Please login and complete the certification before the end of August, so you don't have to go through the process later on. For questions, call the high school office at (928) 738-1406

ENROLL NOW!

Hopi Jr./Sr. High School's Enrollment Period for the 2023-2024 School Year is open!

All students (returning and new) planning on attending HJSHS for the 23-24 school year should apply now. Hard copies of the application packets can be picked up in the HJSHS Student Services Office. Please note that students who attended HJSHS during 2022-2023 but didn't complete the school year with us must complete the New Student Application. We're very excited for the upcoming school year! Welcome Bruins! [#BRUINPRIDE](#)

Open To 9th - 12th Grade Students

Hopi Digital Cohorts
WorkShop

Learn to code in 2 days!
Create Apps for your
Programming Portfolio.
Limited Spots Open!

Location:
Hopi Jr/Sr High School
Computer Classroom

August 3rd-4th
10:00AM - 4:00PM
Lunch will be provided!

Scan to register now for
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Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/msu9rfzf>
Contact Marissa.adams@nau.edu/323.229.4298 for any questions
cl2493@nau.edu

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HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER CHILD HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

HOSTED & PRESENTED BY THE
INDIGENOUS PRIDE
HEALTH WORKER
PROGRAM

DATE/TIME	LOCATION
AUGUST 3, 2023 10am - 2pm	HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER

Receive education & information by local resources who provide services to local children/young adults.
Children must be accompanied by an adult

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Hopi Health Care Center

Indigenous Pride Health Worker Program
Hopi Health Care Center

Contact:
928-737-6385
or
928-737-6037

Hopi Digital Cohorts

HJSHS and NAU have adjusted the summer coding workshop. It is now open to interested 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders and is being held on August 3rd and 4th! If you are interested in creating apps and websites, this amazing opportunity is for you. It will run from 10 am to 4 pm on both days with lunch provided. Spots are limited, so register today by using the link below! For questions, please email the NAU rep at marissa.adams@nau.edu.
Coding Workshop Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/msu9rfzf>
HJSHS Website Newsfeed Story Link: <http://edne.tw/n856564>

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This offer is available to both Native American and Non-Native American Students!

Admissions Applications for Summer and Fall are Open!

2023 Summer Admissions Deadline
May 26, 2023 at 5 pm (AZ TIME)
2023 Fall Admissions Deadline
Aug. 18, 2023 at 5 pm (AZ TIME)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Across Nations, Inc. Gives
Notice that it Proposes to Use Exist-
ing Pole to support Radio Antenna

Across Nations hereby gives public notice that it proposes to use an existing pole to support a radio antenna. The pole is in existence and no new construction of the pole is proposed. Nevertheless, applicant is required to obtain a tower registration number and must give public notice in order to do so. Application number is A1224398. Proposed location is 35-49-56.4 N, 110-23-22.4 W. The structure is a free-standing pole 17.7 meters high with no obstruction lighting required. Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the application number A1224398. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communications Commission requires interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online. Instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest.

NAVAJO NATION FAIR SCHEDULES

Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial
Gallup, NM, August 4-14, 2023

Central Agency Navajo Fair
Chinle, AZ, August 22-28, 2023

Navajo Nation Fair
Window Rock, AZ, September 3-10, 2023

Northern Navajo Nation Fair
Shiprock, NM, Sept. 29- Oct.2, 2023

Western Navajo Fair
Tuba City, AZ, October 19-22, 2023

Update Report from Across Nations, Inc Regarding
Construction of Radio Tower Site

Terry Cowan
for Across Nations

It has been almost 2 years (September 2021) since Across Nations has applied for a construction permit for the new Christian Radio station. Across Nations was unaware that the *existing* 60' pole on your campus required approval of the FAA and a tower registration number. Thus, the FCC has taken no action on our application due to a lack of ASR (antenna structure registration).

In April of 2022 Across Nations' attorney advised us that the FCC was inquiring about what we were doing about our application. This was the first time we were aware that a grant was pending the ASR. Apparently the engineer who prepared the original technical portion of the application had been notified but the notice did not reach us.

As soon as I became aware of the problem I had an application filed with the FAA. This was done on April 20, 2022. The FAA did not act on the application until October 6, 2022 when it was approved. On October 7, 2022 I filed for a tower registration number with the FCC. I had not done this before and was not aware that in addition to filing the online application I also was required to give Public Notice.

On July 7, 2023 Across Nations' attorney asked about the antenna registration number which had still not been granted. After further research I discovered that the process could not proceed since a Local Notice had not been published. That notice was published on July 18, 2023 in The Village Crier. July 20, 2023 was the national public listing. There is a 30 day comment period and after around 40 days with no negative comments I will then file part 2 of the registration application which should then give Across Nations an ASR which we will provide to the FCC. The FCC should then grant a construction permit for the new station which will specify the antenna location as the pole on the campus at Polacca. Once issued we can then apply for call letters.

Across Nations really wants to locate on Antelope Mesa but is jumping through all the hoops for the pole in order not to lose our bid for the station. The desire to build on Antelope Mesa stems from the fact that Antelope Mesa is much higher and we can build a more powerful station there that we can on the pole thus providing a better signal and larger coverage area. Naturally we prefer to build only once due to the cost of constructing twice which will involve different antennas and most likely different size transmitters. However we are committed to building on the pole if necessary to save the station.

As you know we have completed the site survey First Mesa requested. Based on our understanding from our meeting with you last November we also filed for FAA approval for a tower at Antelope Mesa which has been approved by the FAA. I filed for an antenna registration number with the FCC in December of 2022. Again, I failed to give Public Notice since I was not aware of that requirement. We would like to proceed with Antelope Mesa but it would not be appropriate for us to give Public Notice until we receive a new approval from you due to the changes in your administration.

This is the current status of this project. I am hoping to be in New Mexico and Arizona for a week in August and would be happy to meet with you should you so desire.

Visit us online at: Firstmesaconsolidatedvillages.com



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council
Representatives REPORT Card

FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and Updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to past 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.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	✓/✓	○	✓/✓	✓
February	✓/✓✓ ✓/✓✓	○	○	✓
March	✓/✓	○	✓	✓
April	✓	✓	✓	✓
May	✓/✓	✓	✓	✓
June	✓	○	✓	✓
July	✓	✓	✓	✓
August	✓	○	○	✓
September				
October				
November				
December				

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

TUUVI GATHERING

October 21 & 22, 2023

Moenkopi, AZ

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Water Payment Schedule

July	Due Date August 10, 2023
August	Due Date September 10, 2023
September	Due Date October 10, 2023
October	Due Date November 10, 2023
November	Due Date December 10, 2023
December	Due Date January 10, 2024

\$10 Late Fee imposed after due date

First Mesa Consolidated Villages

928-737-2670

Work Begins at Flooded Polacca Wash Site. Community Members and Motorists are Asked to Remain Vigilant and Slow Down while Driving in the Area



Happy 99th Birthday
Myrtle Naha!!



Myrtle Naha, of the Snake/Sand Clan from the Village of Walpi, recently celebrated her 99th birthday in the presence of her children, family & friends. Myrtle was born on July 24, 1924 and has been a life-long member of the First Mesa Baptist Church. The First Mesa Consolidated Villages’ leadership and staff wish one of FMCV’s Matriarch’s many, many more happy and healthy days!

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Clay Hamilton Hired as
new CSA for Village of Tewa

I am from walpi, my clan is aalawungwa and I am the son of the late Arron and Cynthia Ami and the grandson of Ina and Clarence Hamilton. I’ve worked for the Hopi tribe for the past 29 years in the Hopi Tribe’s Cultural Preservation Office, Office of Real Estate Services and the Land Information System Program. I begin employment with the Village of Tewa as CSA on June 19, 2023. Currently working on inventories of equipment, building conditions, as well as re-establishing needed services to village elders and village members. At present, it’s too early to discuss any future projects, until the board and I have our planning meeting to identify future projects.

HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER

CHILD HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

HOSTED & PRESENTED BY THE:
INDIGENOUS PRIDE HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

DATE/TIME

AUGUST 3, 2023
10am - 2pm

LOCATION

HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER

Receive education & information by local resources who provide services to local children/young adults.
Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact:

928-737-6385
or
928-737-6037

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Yaniwa Dance — Tewa Village
First Mesa, Arizona
August 5 & 6
Villagers are asked to Limit transportation to the Mesa due to the frailty and cracking of the Mesa.

Navajo Nation Fair Schedules

Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial
Gallup, NM
August 4-14, 2023

Central Agency Navajo Fair
Chinle, AZ
August 22-28, 2023

Navajo Nation Fair
Window Rock, AZ
September 3-10, 2023

Northern Navajo Nation Fair
Shiprock, NM
September 29- October 2, 2023

Western Navajo Fair
Tuba City, AZ
October 19-22, 2023

Annual World’s Oldest
Continuous Rodeo
Aug 17–19, 2023

Payson Event Center
Payson, Arizona

Thursday: 6:00pm,
Friday: 7:00pm,
Saturday: 7:00pm
Gates open @ 5:00pm

Events

Bareback Riding	Barrel Racing
Bull Riding	Mutton Bustin
Saddle Bronc Riding	Steer Wrestling
Team Roping	Tie Down Roping
Women's Breakaway Roping	