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HOPI CALENDAR

ANGAKMUYAW Harvest Moon

Oct **Angakmuyaw** TömöKyelmuyaw Nov Dec Kyaamuyaw Tömö'Paamuyaw Jan Feb **Powamuyaw** Ösömuyaw Mar Apr Kwiyamuyaw May Hakitonmuyaw Woko'uvis June July Tala'Kyelmuyaw Aug Tala'Paamuyaw

THIS MONTH IN **HOPI HISTORY**

Nasanmuyaw

Sep

- 1540-1823: Spanish Rule of Hopi Territory
- 1823-1848: Mexican Rule of Hopi Territory
- **1870:** Major Powell brought to Hopi by Mormon Jacob Hamlin. Powell advocated in Washington, DC for Hopi, fighting plans for an Indian Office that would have harmed Hopi people
- **1960**: Healing vs. Jones lawsuit was heard in Prescott., Arizona
- October 30, 1990: Native American Languages Act supports instruction in schools to help preserve Native languages

OF EVENTS

KUYI is Moving—Limited services Sept. 25—Oct 13

Behavioral Health Conf. October 4, 8am—5pm Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites. 928-737-6300

16th Annual Taawaki Trail Run. October 7 928-734-3432

Climb the Mesa to Conquer Cancer. 10K Run & Walk October 15. 928-734-1150

Western Navajo Nation Fair & **Parade.** October 19—22 Tuba City, AZ

Tuuvi Gathering Moenkopi October 21 & 22, 2023. 928-283-4500

Tutskwat Oqawtoynani 2023 Final Cleanup



Tutskwat Oqawtoynani volunteers collect and bag trash below First Mesa

By: Valerie Nuvayestewa **Project Coordinator Tutskwat Oqawtoynani**

Tutskwat

will meet at Tewa Plaza @ 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We lunch for all volunteers.

October 18, 2023, from rakes, trash grabbers, and out to Hopi each time and partnership with the and the work they help first peoples whose lands

pression on them. Help- learn more about the Ining with this project also digenous peoples of the earns them sustainability Southwest. We are honcredits which go towards ored they have chosen their graduation. The our project to help. United World College School is a private school with us from October 17located in Montezuma, 20, 2023. The public is New Mexico. They are more than welcome to one of the 17 United join us for the Cleanup World College schools on the mesa followed by that span the globe and lunch at Village of Tewa actively recruit, select, Administration Building and educate students this day. who want to be the next generation of leaders and help and look forward to We are hosting United change-makers. Their meeting new people from 8:00 a.m. and head World College students mission is to use educa- around the world. Kuna'a down, behind, below (12) and two staff mem- tion as a force to unite to United World College Ponsi Hall. We will be bers who have been out people, nations, and cul- for helping us to clean Ogawtoy- providing masks, gloves, to First Mesa three prior tures. UWC-USA also our mesa home, preservnani is hosting its final trash bags, hand washing times to help us clean. want to identify opportu- ing the sacredness of our cleanup for 2023. Join us stations, soap, sanitizer, Different students come nities for collaboration Tewa and Hopi Villages!

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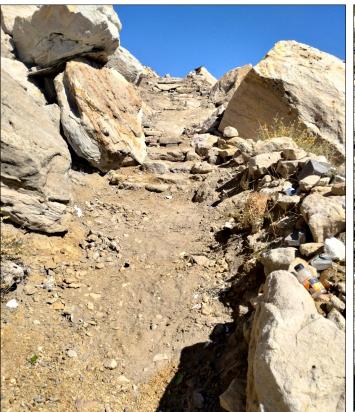


Sichomovi Village Members Repair and Work on Trails to Mesa

On October 7 & 8, the Pakolvi and Roadrunner Kiva members worked on the Sichomovi Trail, from the top to bottom of the Village.

"The work party was a great success and although it was tiring, we completed the Project," said Organizer Randall Ami.

Thank you to Ivan Sidney and the FMCV Staff for your donations and use of the community building and tools. Also, a big thank you to the following men and women who showed up to work on the trails and, especially, the women who prepared the food:





On October 7 & 8, Volunteers cleaned and repaired the trails leading up and down Sichomovi Village

MEN

Randall Ami Palmer Ami Fred Ami Jerry Timentewa Brandon Dashee Oscar Lalo David Lalo, Sr. Dave Lalo Dale Lalo Mikey Lalo David Lalo Jr. Juwan Tawyesva DeMarcus Navasie Wesley Garcia Ivan Sidney, Sr. Lewis Lomayesva Darren Poleyestewa Toney Huma Wilson Huma, Jr. Juan Huma Isiah Huma

WOMEN Leola Timentewa Carlotta Ami Karen Lalo

Wave Dashee

Julianna Dashee Sonja Lomayesva Vanessa Lomayesva elissa Lomayesva Ceara Deswood Adelle Tewayguna Janell Lalo Chereen Lalo Alva Armstrong

Please keep the Trails clean and maintained!!



VILLAGES

PO BOX 260 POLACCA, AZ 86042

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Kikmongwi James Tewayguna

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Katsin Mongwi Sam Tenakhongva

Soyal Mongwi

Soyal Mongwi Spokesman Frederick Ami

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For information call: FMCV at 928-737-2670

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PUBLIC NOTICE — Important Information About Your Drinking Water The Polacca Water System has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

The Polacca water system recently violated the drinking water standard for arsenic. Although what this is not an emergency, as should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contamistandard for arsenic is 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 10 parts per billion (ppb). Arsenic in the Polacca water system was found at 0.019 mg/L-West Well #8 and 0.020 mg//L-East Well#5 for the month of September 2023.

Arsenic in the drinking water can come from the erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, or glass and electronic production waste.

WHAT SHOUD I DO?

You do not need to use an alternative water supply, such as bottled water. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your local health provider.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is not an immediate risk. If had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Polacca water system will be tied into the Hopi Arsenic Mitigaour customers, you have a right to know happened, what you tion Project (HAMP). The source wells for the HAMP have, and are expected to have, arsenic levels below 10ppb. Construction of the first phase of the HAMP, which will tie in the Polacca water nants. Testing results we received show that our system exceeds the system, is presently expected to be completed by the calendar standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The year 2015. Once the Polacca water system is tied into HAMP, the arsenic exceedance should be resolved.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact: First Mesa Consolidated Villages -Water Program P.O. Box 260

Polacca, Arizona 86042 Phone: (928) 737.2670

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in school and businesses).

This notice is being sent to you by First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Polacca Water System, Public Water System ID No. 0400106.

Date Distributed: October 06, 2023



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SAVE THE DATE

FOR HOPI VILLAGES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENTATION ON FY 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET RECOMMENDATION BY HOPI TRIBAL BUDGET OVERSIGHT TEAM

The Hopi Tribe's Budget Oversight Team (BOT) will be hosting a presentation for the Hopi & Tewa People on the recommended Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund proposed budget. This is an open forum for the People to provide input and recommendations during the presentation sessions at the locations, dates and times listed below:

Moenkopi Villages (Upper and Lower):

Upper Moenkopi Community Center—October 16, 2023, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Third Mesa Villages (Bacavi, Hotevilla, Kykotsmovi and Orayvi) Bacavi Community Center—October 18, 2023, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Second Mesa Villages (Sipaulovi, Mishungnovi and Shungopavi) Sipaulovi Elderly/Youth Center—October 19, 2023, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

First Mesa Consolidated Villages (Walpi, Sichomovi, Tewa, & Yuwehloo Pahki) Tewa Village Community Center, October 24, 2023, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

While the Hopi Tribe still observes COVID protocols, face masks are optional to October 10, 2023 wear. For more details on session, please call (928) 734-3461. Thank you.



Sergeant Glenn Singer

GSinger@hopi.nsn.us

(928) 734-7340

Hopi Law Enforcement Services PO BOX 123 KYKOTSMOVI, AZ. 86039 (928)734-7340

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Polacca, AZ - (September 30, 2023) On September 30, 2023, around 12:40 AM, Hopi Law Enforcement Officers were dispatched to a noise disturbance incident in the First Mesa Villages. While conducting the investigation, both the suspect and officer discharged their firearms. First aid was immediately rendered to the suspect and officer and they were later transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Officer Involved Shooting

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Investigations are assisting with the investigation. This is active investigation and the identities of the suspect and the officer involved will not be disclosed at this point. There are no threats to the community at this time.

If you have any information regarding this incident, contact Hopi Law Enforcement Services at 928-734-7340.

End

Phone:

PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancy Announcement Hopi Election Board & Hopi Elections Office

The Hopi Tribal Council announces vacancies for the following:

- Three (3) Election Board members and two (2) board member alternates
- A Tribal Registrar

Interested individuals must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary, for information on the qualifications, terms and duties. Feel free to contact the Office of Tribal Secretary at (928) 734-3132.

These vacancies will remain advertised until filled. Thank you for your interest.



•Mr. Alban Naha, Interim Superintendent/JHS Principal

Mrs. Lynn Fredericks, HS Principa

To: Parents/Guardians of Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Students

HJSHS Administration From:

Subject: Lockdown Incident on 10/10/23

On Tuesday (October 10th) afternoon, students reported to staff that another student was in possession of a prohibited item. Its nature required an investigation to determine if it posed a threat to the safety of our students and staff.

After a thorough search, the school found a small plastic toy (less than an inch in size). Based on our student handbook, it is a prohibited item. The situation did not pose an imminent danger to students and staff at any time. Out of an abundance of caution, the school went into lockdown mode throughout the investigation.

Please know that the safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern. Any potential situation that involves the safety of students and staff is taken very seriously.

We greatly appreciate the students that contacted school personnel and made us aware of the prohibited item. This is an opportune time to discuss these types of situations with your children. Please emphasize that these actions, even if an object such as a toy is brought to school in jest, result in severe consequences. Also, please remind your child of the importance of reporting any suspicious or potentially unsafe activity to an adult as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we strive to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff daily.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HJSHS Director of Operations, Matthew Duran at (928) 738-1443 or Interim Superintendent, Alban Naha at (928) 738THE VILLAGE CRIER **OCTOBER 17, 2023** PAGE 3 TUESDAY,

First Mesa Consolidated Villages Considers Several Community Initiatives

By: Wilber Kaye, Staff Assistant, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) is considering several community initiatives in the near future. These are projects for Street Naming, Trail • Restoration and Preservation, a Community Solid Waste Ordinance and a Community Small Animal and Livestock Control Ordinance.

These projects remain in discussion with the appropriate programs and departments from the Hopi • Tribe, other relevant agencies, along with Hopi Tribal Council Member Wallace Youvella, Jr. These discussions revolve around feasibility, practicality, redundancy, and funding.

A tribal street naming project for First Mesa began in late 2022 but was dissolved mid-2023 and was not completed. FMCV recognizes the

- significance of such a project and is inclined to see it continue to its completion.
- The Trail Restoration and Preservation has dual implications for safety & emergency evacuation and the protection of any cultural or religious functions, artifacts, symbols, or structures on the
- A Community Solid Waste Ordinance seeks to enhance the tribal ordinance, especially to address illegal dumpsites and abandoned/junk vehicles or structures within First Mesa Village boundaries. (Hopi Tribal Ordinance #44, 1989)
 - A Community Small Animal and Livestock Control measure also seeks to enhance current tribal ordinances with community specific regulations

for safety, health and protection of life and property. (Hopi Tribal Ordinance #61, 2016)

With the Emergency Response Plan in the public review phase, it is the catalyst to invest in these projects, each contingent or overlapping upon one another. These are municipality projects which are regulatory and should be developed at FMCV, rather than at community service offices.

Other ongoing projects are Polacca Wash Flooding Mitigation, the First Mesa Geological Mitigation and Proposals to the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Relief Committee for rehabilitation of the First Mesa Sewer Lagoon and other much needed equipment. Please contact FMCV at infofmcv@gmail.com for more information or suggestions.

Hopi Tribal Council/Committee Task Team Report — September, 2023

By: Wallace Youvella, Jr. First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Hopi Tribal Council Representative

Hopi Tribal Council:

- Action Item #070-2023 Authorize transfer of an estimated \$5.7 million of expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF). The Action Item was tabled and no action taken in the month of September. During discussions, numerous questions were asked as to how \$5.7 million was spent beyond the allotted \$85.5 million, awarded to the Hopi Tribe. One specific question that has been asked on numerous occasions was finally answered. The question was, who authorized these expenditures over the CARES budget of \$85.5 million? The question was answered by the former Treasurer W. Gaseoma, who replied that he was responsible for those expenditures. This is troubling as those expenditures were taken, most likely from the General Fund and no authorization was given by Hopi Tribal Council, nor was a budget modification done to reflect those expenditures. The Action Item will most likely be addressed again in October 2023.
- Email dated August 31, 2023 from Kim Secakuku, Tribal Operations Officer - BIA 2021 Audit Reminder, Update to the Council on the Consolidated Tribal Grant Programs, Overview of all Hopi Tribal Contracts and Grants as well as the Status of the FY 2024 Federal Ap-

submitted by the Hopi Tribe and Committee: rightfully so. Ms. Kim Secakuku, • the Tribal Ops Officer and the Hopi Transportation Task Team have both brought to Hopi Tribal Council the urgent matter. Representative D. Singuah has written a letter to Hopi Tribal Council to discuss and take immediate actions to remedy the audit challenges. Currently the Hopi Tribe needs to submit audits for FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022.

On September 25, 2023, the Budget Oversight Team reported to Hopi Tribal Council. The budget, for the most part is staying in line with last year's budget. There were some recommended changes and those changes, along with the proposed budget will be presented to the public at various meetings in the villages. It is the Hopi Tribal Council's goal to have a budget approved prior to year-end, which will avoid a Continuing Resolution. Also, the Hopi Tribe is bringing in revenue, but not enough to sustain the Hopi Tribe into the next decade at current spending levels. Allowed ARPA funds have been used to supplement the budget for 2023 and 2024 which has helped immensely, however we will not have those funds for 2025. It is imperative that the Hopi Tribe find new significant revenue in the next few years or face some very difficult decisions.

concerned about the lack of audits Investment Oversight Standing

- A short summary on Hopi Tribal Investments show that the Omnibus Account has yielded approximately \$2.85 million in interest and the Settlement Fund has yielded nearly \$2 million in interest. With the Federal Reserve continuing with high interest rates, the • Hopi Tribe can hopefully net nearly \$7 million for 2023.
- The Investment Committee continues to request financial information from the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation. A Forensic Audit has been proposed and the Finance Director has • been tasked with seeking a path forward with such an audit. The Hopi Tribal Treasurer is also tasked with requesting HTEDC that any and all past Walpi Housing loan payments be sent to the Hopi Tribe immediately.
- The Investment Committee will have Investment Training in October with our Financial Partners at Rockefeller.
- Goals and Objectives for 2024 to further gain the greatest yield for Hopi Investments will be addressed in the coming months. Although Hopi Investments are doing extremely well, it is important that an investment plan be in place due to the very volatile market and unusual actions of the Federal Reserve.

Transportation Task Team:

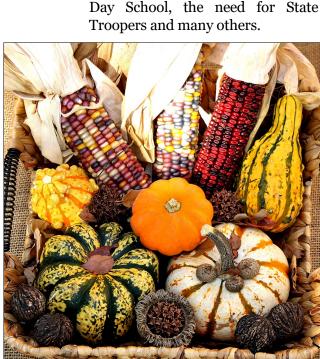
- A site visit took place to N8031/N4 which is a road from Pinon to Hard Rock and passes for several miles through the Hopi Reservation. Concerns regarding access to a windmill and cattle crossings were addressed and forwarded to the Navajo Department of Transportation.
- The Transportation Task Team unanimously supported the efforts of the Hopi Department of Transportation to seek status of a regulated entity. For the type of work that needs to be done for the Hopi Roadway System, the Hopi Tribe is not suited to meet HDOT's needs.
- There was a unanimous positive vote in support of the Hopi Law Enforcement Services to share redacted crash data with the Arizona Dept. of Transportation. Crash data is a crucial missing piece to acquiring funds to repair and maintain state roads on the Hopi Reservation.
- Arizona Dept of Transportation Director, Jennifer Toth, will be meeting with the Transportation Task Team in October, at the Legacy Inn in Moencopi. Concerns regarding State Highway 264 and State Highway 87 will be addressed. Among those concerns are the need for the highways to be widened to allow for safer passage, the Polacca Bridge and flooding situation, the extremely poor condition of SR 264 between Kykotsmovi and Shungopavi, the intersection at the Second Mesa Day School, the need for State Troopers and many others.

Family Halloween Scavenger Hunt

How many can you find?

Black Cat Halloween Sign Haunted House Witch on a Broom **Ghosts in a Tree** Jack-O-Lantern **Black Lights** Spider Web **Orange Lights** Large Spider Witch Hat Skeleton **Decorated Door** Spooky House

Halloween Wreath





Water/Energy Committee & Land Commission Report—October 11, 2023

By: Dale Sinquah, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hopi Tribal Council Representative

Water Energy Committee Meeting—Sept. 19

Side Rock update by Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) Rep Dale Sinquah, Chris Wolf DBS&A, Carlene Tenakhongva and General Counsel Fred Lomayesva

Grant Report by Fletcher Wilkinson, Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC)

HTC suspended the rules and placed Action Item 102-2023 on the Oct. 5, 2023 Agenda (time certain) AI102-2023 was approved by majority vote. HUC recommended the AI seek Council authorization for HUC along with the Hopi Renewable Energy Office to apply for the grant opportunity "Solar for All."

The grant is offered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Grant proposal is to fund installation of residential and community solar and battery storage projects on the Hopi Reservation.

This grant can be used in homes on and off grid. HUC will implement the "Solar for All" grant. HUC feels renewable energy is where they will make their initial movement into providing electricity for Hopi.

Hopi Telecommunication Inc. (HTI)

On Oct 5, the main fiber optic trunk line was inadvertently cut by contractors working on installing fiber to premises /homes in the Keams Canyon area. The cut was to HTI's trunk line and required major repair. Repairs to the fiber lines were prioritized due to importance. Broadband services were restored Friday October 6 around 12:30 PM. The Contractor's difficulty in locating the main fiber trunk line, contributed to the cut. There are many other infrastructure buried and caused an inaccurate reading of locating instruments.

Fiber to Premise (FTP) by Carroll Onsae HTI

The USDA provided \$5.8 million and HTI issued a 14 month contract beginning Sept. 18, 2023 to install the main lines. The contractor for the Project is "Hylan West Inc" from Phoenix, AZ. An example of a main line is the line going behind First Mesa following BIA Route 10.

After the main line installation grant, Hopi Telecom received a second grant for \$1.7 million from the Hopi ARPA funds to install fiber to premises/homes from the main lines. A second contract was issued to "Diversified Solutions Inc." The company is from Show Low, AZ and will start in mid-October.

A third grant HTI reported receiving is the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant for \$13.5 million to fill in the gaps where the other two grants cannot build out to.

Two major projects associated with the NTIA grant is providing Fiber to: the Turquoise Well Site and from Hotevilla to Moencopi.

The fiber to Moencopi from Hotevilla requires environmental clearances and a Right of Way (ROW) across Navajo Nation land for approximately 9 miles. HTI has begun the process for a ROW with the Navajo Nation. HTI has been working with the Navajo Nation's Coal Mine Chapter to get approval. Once the Chapter approves a resolution for the ROW it goes to the Navajo Tribal government Land Department and eventually at the Resources Development Committee which will determine if they will grant the ROW request.

Broadband Equity Access and Development (BEAD) program grant - These funds are provided to states for all state stakeholders which include Tribes.

Funding is distributed primarily based on the relative number of "unserved" locations (*i.e.*, broadband-serviceable locations that lack access to Reliable Broadband Services at speeds of at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream and latency levels low enough to support real-time, interactive applications.) The Grant states, the first funds have to produce a five year plan on how it plans to provide reliable broadband service to the whole state and this plan includes tribe and rural areas.

The state tribal liaison Ms. Candace Hamana will assist HTI in producing a 5 year plan which will be incorporated into the state's plan. HTI plans to inform the public during fiber installation using all local media outlets

Problems with 911 calls to Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES), HTI, Cellular One and JSI resulted in the creation of a technical team to test the phone system. They discovered a problem with the protocols of routing 911 calls. Some calls were being routed through a three tiered protocol where HTI was the last tier. Some calls which started at the top were never routed to HTI at the bottom, so the 911 call never made it to its destination, HLES. The technical team reversed the protocol with HTI at the top and has provided better results. The team will continue to research the issue since 911 services are not the only calls that has this problem.

Lower Colorado Water Negotiations-By Gen. Counsel Fred Lomayesva

Navajo Water Negotiation Legal Team and Hopi Water Negotiation Legal Team met on Oct. 11, 2023 in preparation for a meeting called by Governor Hobbs for all members of the Little Colorado River Adjudication/Settlement on Oct. 23. The WEC and Hopi's legal teams plan to present an update to HTC when appropriate. The Hopi Water Rights Team continues to meet with the Hopi Water Negotiation Legal Team who updates the team on the legal teams progress and provides direction when required.

Water & Tribes Initiative/Colorado River Basin-Presentation to HTC

Water & Tribes Initiative (WTI) appeared before HTC on Sept. 28 and presented a plan on their efforts to help the Hopi Tribe in infrastructure for drinking water and waste water.

On Sept. 27, WEC hosted a community meeting at Kykotsmovi Youth/Elder Center to discuss infrastructure needs, interests, and priorities and how best to move forward. Eleven of the thirteen Hopi villages were represented, with over 30 people participating. Summary of the community meeting:

WEC introduced Dr. Matthew McKinney and Daryl Vigil representing WTI

to village leaders and village water operations offices: Lower Moencopi, Upper Moencopi, Bacavi, Oraibi, Kykotsmovi, Mishongnovi, Sipaulovi, YuWehLoo Pahki, First Mesa Consolidated Villages (Wapli, Sichomovi, and Tewa) Also in attendance was HTC/WEC members: Herman Honanie and Danny Honanie; Selwyn Sekaquaptewa HUC GM; Berlene Lamson Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program, Howard Dennis Jr. Native Waters Rights, Carlene Tenakhongva Hopi Tribe OGC, Dr. Sarah Aloney Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program Manager, and Andrew Larson, IHS.

(Excerpt from Dr. Matthew McKinney Memo to HTC) Summary of Community Meeting

- While participants emphasized the unique history and culture among the villages, they were all passionate, enthusiastic, and committed to addressing issues related to water, growth and development, and infrastructure.
- The participants identified a number of issues and concerns, some unique to a particular village and others shared across several villages:
 - ♦ Lack of potable water, and/or running out of water.
 - ♦ Quality of water (e.g, receiving potable water in concrete pipes lined with asbestos or clay pipes).
 - ♦ Lack of centralized water and sanitation systems.
 - ♦ Outdated infrastructure.
 - ♦ Emergency vehicles refusing to serve some villages due to lack of safe roads or jurisdictional issues with neighboring land owners.
 - ◊ Leaking underground storage tanks.
 - ♦ Lack of water codes to manage hazardous waste.
 - \Diamond Lack of construction codes to replace existing, outdated infrastructure.
 - ♦ Lack of land-use codes.
 - ◊ Need road projects, water infrastructure, and sanitation systems, such as lagoons;
 - Need to educate residents about water and infrastructure needs, as well
 as options to pay for upgrades (e.g., fees for operation and maintenance)
 - Explore the feasibility of new wells, dams to capture rainwater, and other technological solutions appropriate to the landscape and Hopi culture.
 - Develop capacity to monitor land use practices to maintain integrity of new infrastructure.

New Land Wells—Report by T. Neil Blandford, PG; Principal Hydrologist/Senior Vice President Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) and HTC Rep. Dale Sinquah

DBS&A Geologist Chris Wolf oversees the New Land Wells drilling project. Wolf informed Hopi WEC and LC Oct. 6, that the drillers encountered geologic issues during the drilling of Prosperity Well. These geologic issues caused WEC and Land Commission (LC) to reevaluate drilling priorities and directed DBS&A drillers to cease drilling operations at Prosperity Well and proceed to drill the Bluebird well.

WEC and LC asked for a detailed cost analysis of the project to recommend changes. They informed DBS&A that Blue Bird well was the priority followed by Sun Shine well. The well design was updated to account for geologic issues encountered Prosperity. The drilling budget for the New Land Wells has been adjusted and resulted in higher costs for the remaining wells. DBS&A informed WEC & LC that the remaining Prosperity well budget needs to be applied to the Bluebird well redesign. With the redesign cost, there is not enough funds to complete the Sunshine well. This also, leaves no contingency funds for Bluebird.

DBS&A recommended the Tribe consider the following:

Complete the Bluebird well as redesigned and do not drill a new Sunshine well at this time. Video log the existing Sunshine well, clean the screen, and conduct an aquifer test to confirm yield. The cost for the work at existing Sunshine well needs to be confirmed. DBS&A expects it to be approximately \$150-200K

On October 4 the Hopi Tribal Council addressed the following letter from FMCV Rep. Dale Sinquah concerning BIA Sanctions:

Hopi Tribal Council P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

August 21, 2023

Hopi Tribal Council:

I request this letter be read into record during Hopi Tribal Council meeting on September 1, 2023. I further request the subject, "Bureau of Indian Affairs sanctions," be placed on the September 2023 agenda for discussion and possible action.

During the discussion HTC will give directives for a group to devise a plan to work

the Hopi Tribe out of this situation.

I look forward to working in concert with the Hopi Tribal Council in addressing this issue.

Sincerely, /Signed/ Dale Sinquah FMCV HTC Representative

Water/Energy Committee Chairman

A group of concerned individuals started a work group that met on several occasions to devise a plan. During the HTC session on Oct. 5, Hopi Chairman

Nuvangyaoma called the tribe's lobbyist in before the Hopi Tribe is placed on level III sanctions by BIA. The following "Plan" was written by Kim Secakuku Tribal Operations and presented to HTC by Rep Dale Sinquah. On Oct 4, the HTC accepted and adopted the plan as a working plan. The efforts by the Chairman and lobbyist have delayed the Region from placing Hopi on level III sanctions.

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SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OR MANUFACTURED/TRAILER HOMES

Submitted by:: Dale Sinquah, Hopi Tribal Council **Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

GENERAL

- 1. Homeowners will be notified of any deficiencies in their requests which prevent the I.H.S. from proceeding with construction. If we are unable to complete the required work within one year of the delays caused by the homeowner, their application will be returned, and they must reapply.
- Both the water service and waste disposal systems will be constructed near the time the home is to be occupied. The minimum required plumbing fixtures and metered electrical service must be in place prior to service, unless you are requesting for plumbing. 3. Once an application is completed,

I.H.S. personnel will visit the site,

verify its eligibility, determine the

range for design/construction. Once the water service line is completed, a water meter will be delivered to the appropriate utility authority. The homeowner is responsible for making the final connection from the water service line to 8. their home and notifying the utility authority to install the water meter. Upon I.H.S. completion of the re-

facilities. At that time, instruction in the maintenance of the system will be provided. acceptance of an application due to MANUFACTURED/TRAILER HOMES

be made with the homeowner and

the homeowner will be asked to re-

sign the individual Agreement, ac-

cepting ownership of the installed

- The home must be set and anchored to a secure foundation (optional – concrete slab, concrete pedestals or blocks with tie down anchors, etc.), and skirting installed before water and sewer services installed. 7. The home must be permanently set on the foundation and the wheels must be removed. 8. The home should provide a reasonable amount of room for the homeowner and family. Campers or travel trailers are not eligible for service. degree of site preparation and ar- 7.
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GUIDELINES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE - Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has an ongoing program to provide water service lines and waste disposal systems to eligible homes on the reservation. This program is a cooperative effort between the Indian Health Service, the Hopi Tribe, and you the individual homeowner. The following guidelines meet the above criteria may apply for are provided to let you determine if you assistance as follows: are eligible for assistance.

- The home must be the primary residence of, owned by the occupant, and fit into one of the following categories: 1. New home constructions; 2. New bath addition to an • existing home; or 3. Manufactured/trailer home, new or used, purchased from a company engaged in their sale or obtained by the applicant through gift, inheritance or private sale.
- shower/tub, a kitchen sink, and a Service Administrator (CSA). water heater. In addition, the of 70° in the coldest months.
- (flies, mosquitos, mice, etc.).
- must be in place and easily visible.

Individuals who have previously received water and sewer facilities from Indian Health Service may be eligible for service, if the home is upgraded (i.e. bedroom additions, etc.) In addition, Indian Health Service reserves the right to refuse service to sites that cannot be economically served. Second homes are not eligible.

Tribal members who believe they

- Obtain and complete:
 - 1. A Request for Assistance Application;
 - 2. Approval Form;
 - 3. An Individual Agreement, and
 - If a mobile home is being served:
 - 4. Provide proof of ownership (i.e. copy of a purchase agreement, or certificate of title), or a certified letter from the seller may be substituted.

The documents can be obtained For water and sewer hook-ups, the from the Office of Environmental home must be fully plumbed and Health & Engineering, which is located contain at a minimum: a complete at the Hopi Health Care Center in Pobathroom with toilet, sink, and lacca, or from your village Community

When items 1 thru 4 above are home must have a metered electri- gathered and completed, bring them to cal service. Homes on solar power the Office of Environmental Health & systems can be served if there is a Engineering. The Secretary will set up signed maintenance agreement a homeowner file and verify that your with a competent entity. Home application is complete and that you must have a heating system capa- understand your responsibilities in ble of maintaining a temperature requesting services. If your application is not complete, all items will be re-For plumbing and water & sewer turned to you until a complete package hook-ups: The home must have a is received. The Indian Health Service sound basic structure and should desires to assist and act on all requests have doors, windows, screen, roof, received. However, services may not and insulation to protect occu- be provided if, the Indian Health Serpants from weather and vectors vice is unable to obtain sufficient funds to serve all homes or you are un-The occupant of the home must show able to fulfill your responsibilities in accepted use of the land through in- requesting services. Acceptance of an heritance, assignment, or lease. application will receive full considera-Markers indicating the home site tion for services, but does not guarantee services will be provided

quested services, a final visit will	service.	
APPLICATION FOR SANITA INCOMPETE APPLICATIONS W		
Contact Inform	ation	
Name:	Date:	
Address:	Phone:	□ Home/Cell □ Work □ Message
Email Address:		
Facilities Requ	ested	
Water Supply	Waste Disposal	
☐ Connection to Community System	☐ Septic Tank – Drain field	
☐ Isolated (1,000 feet or more to nearest water line)	☐ Connection to Community	System
☐ Existing Facility is failing — Describe system failure:		
IHS does not replace systems that	ail due to abuse or neglect.	
Plumbing		
☐ Renovation (i.e. Handicap)	☐ New Plumbing (for existing	homes only)
Land State	s	
☐ Trust (Clan, Village, Tribal)	☐ New Plumbing (for existing	homes only)
Home Locat	on	
See attached s		
Type of Housing	Financed By:	
☐ Existing, no recent improvements	☐ BIA – HP	
☐ Mobile Homes, new to reservation	□ HUD	
☐ New, recently built and/or recent improvements	☐ Private	
Indoor Plum	oing	
☐ Complete (toilet, shower/bath, sink) ☐ Partially Com	-	ete
Home is primary residence of applicant?		
Home is primary residence of applicant? ☐ Yes ☐	NO	
Number of full-time residents: Number of Bath	rooms: Number of Bed	frooms:
Do you own your own home? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If no	, a residential agreement is re	quired.
Does your home have electrical service? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If no, did you submit application for f	Electrical Service?:
Anticipated Date to receive service:		
Type of heating system (check all that apply): ☐ Wood stove ☐ Electric Heater ☐ Gas H	eater	

Village Certification:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

Submit village approval sheet along with service application.

Project Engineer

P.O. Box 4000

Polacca, AZ 86042

Hopi Health Care Center

ETURN APPLICATION TO:

INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD AND THE U.S. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** (PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE/INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE)

I have received and understand the guidelines for water and sewer services and agree to abide by them. I hereby agree to permit access to the Indian Health Service for installation of the facilities under the terms of the project Memorandum of Agreement. I hereby agree to accept upon completion, ownership of facilities installed on the premise located herein and on land occupied by me along with a one-year warranty on materials and workmanship of the facilities installed. Once the one-year warranty expires, I agree to operate and maintain the facilities in a satisfactory manner at my own expense.

Signature of Head of Household Date Name: Mailing Address: City: State: Zip: Phone (Home/Message): Premise Location (Community):

I hereby certify that the following described facilities have been installed on the premise located herein and on land occupied by the above named applicant and that one-year warrant on materials and workmanship of facilities installed commence on Facilities installed: Date

Signature of I.H.S. Representative

SKETCH OF HOME SITE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER PL 86 - 121 NOTE:

Location map should be clear enough for someone unfamiliar with the area to find your house. Show North arrow. A USGS map provided by the office of Research and Planning (HOPI TRIBE) may be substituted here.

SKETCH OF HOME SITE

Please sketch a location and a home site map. (See attached example)

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Individual Agreement between Head of Household and US Department of Health & Human Services

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Date

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FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES APPROVAL FORM REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER PL 86-121

Homeowner Name (Print):

I understand that Indian Health Service will construct, as funds become available, water supply and waste disposal facilities starting at a distance of five feet from my home. I hereby agree to construct five feet water and sewer stub-outs through my own finances. I understand no site work or construction is possible until proper approval signatures are obtained and stub-outs are constructed.

Homeowner Signature

Date

Approval is hereby granted for Indian Health Service to provide water supply and waste disposal facilities for the homeowner. Rights-Of-Way to connect water and sewer lines, as shown on the attached site map, are granted through this approval.

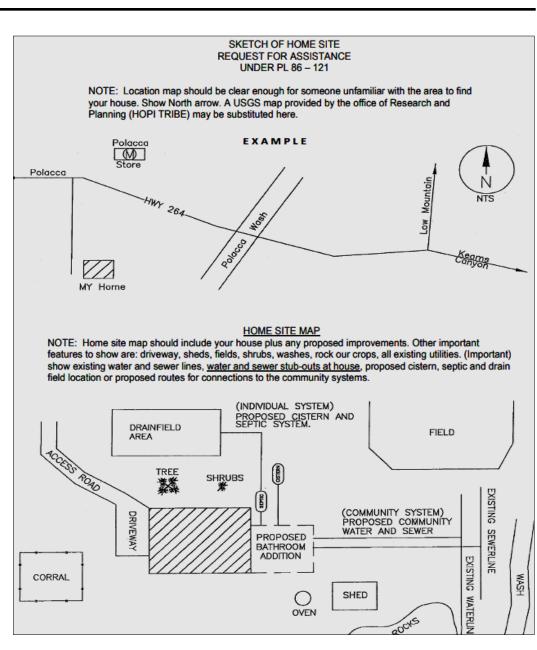
Clan LeaderDateClan LeaderDateKikmongwi, First Mesa Consolidated VillagesDateCommunity Service Administrator, FMCVDate

I have visited the home site and recommend the construction of water supply and waste disposal facilities as shown on the attached site map. The facilities will be constructed as funds become available through the Indian Health Service Projects.

Field Engineer,

Environmental Health & Engineering, Indian Health Service Date





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Hopi Tribal Council Audit-Plan of Action

The Tribal Finance Department, under the direction of Mr. Davis, Finance Director, is charged with completing the 2020 Audit before the end of 2023, and to begin preparation for the 2021 and 2022 Audits.

Due to the urgency to complete the 2020 and 2021 tribal audits the Finance department will be tasked to create a team whose purpose is to assist Finance leadership with audit preparation to fast track the completion of the 2020 audit, while simultaneously preparing for 2021. The Finance Audit team is authorized to have access to all necessary internal documentation, systems, and financial information. All tribal departments are mandated to cooperate with the assigned finance personnel to meet the obligation of information gathering.

The team will meet weekly to:

- Receive and review tasks identified for audit preparations and receive assignments.
- Identify problems or issues encountered that may be hindering the process and develop solutions to complete the task.
- Identify and search for documents, research necessary information within all tribal departments (manual/digital records).
- Report to the council monthly or when called upon to update them on the progress.
- The team would sign a Confidentiality Statement prepared by OGC.
- A council member(s) will be assigned to attend the weekly meetings.

The team is authorized to have 24/7-hour access to the tribal facility, its systems, and records. They will also be provided with the necessary equipment and office space to complete their assigned tasks, including necessary communication tools, a cell phone and a tribal email. These communication tools should be provided immediately upon selection of staff assigned to this team. Funds for this team will come from the Finance Department Account to complete this Council assignment.

The term of the team will begin immediately and have an end date of June 2024. The term may be extended with approval by the Hopi Tribal Council.

The team will consist of the following: Walker & Armstrong, Finance Director, Finance Staff: Trudy Ami, Finance Temporary staff to assist in processing (copy, scan, and upload files) of compiled documents, Finance Temporary Staff to pull all documents related to financial authorizations for both over/under \$60,000 thresholds in coordination with the Secretary's office or any other assignments. Finance Temporary Staff to seek documents that are under \$60,000. In coordination with Departments/Programs or entities or any other assignments.

HTC recommended and ratified the following members of HTC to be on the team and gave them oversight of the audit efforts:

FMCV HTC Rep W. Youvella Jr., Sipaulovi HTC Rep R. Namoki, Kykotsmovi HTC D. Talayumptewa, Mishongnovi HTC Rep, Bacavi HTC Rep M. Fredricks, Upper Moencopi William Charley

Office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman

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Hopi Jr.Sr. High School 2023-2024 Fall Sports

2023 Hopi High School Football Schedule					
Date	Event	Location	Times		
Thu. 10/19 Fri. 10/20	Tuba City Red Mesa	Tuba City Hopi (Senior & Pink Night)	JV-6:00 pm V-7:00 pm		
Fri. 10/27	Pinon*	Pinon	V-6:00 pm		
Fri. 11/3	2A State Playoffs-1st Round	High Seed	7:00 pm		
Thu. 11/9	2A State Playoffs-Quarterfinals	High Seed	7:00 pm		
Sat. 11/18	2A State Playoffs-Semifinals	TBD	TBD		
Fri. 11/24	2A State Playoffs-Championship	TBD	TBD		

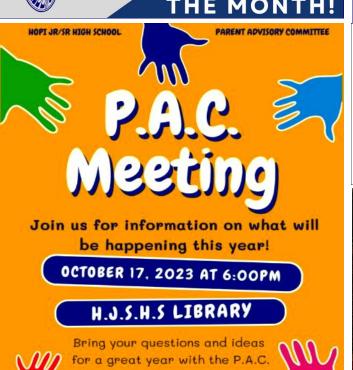
2023 Hopi High School Cross Country Schedule					
Date	Event	Location	Times		
Fri. 10/20	Holbrook Invite	Helbrook (Hudden Cove (£.C.)	1:00 pm		
Frt. 10/27	Sectional Meet	Holbrook (Ridden Coye G.C.)	1:00 pm		
Sat. 11/4	Division IV State Meet	Phoenix (Cave Creek G.C.)	8:30 am		

2023 Hopi High School Volleyball Schedule						
Date	Event	Location	Times			
Thu. 10/26	2A North Region Quarterfinals	High Seed	6:00 pm			
Sat. 10/28	2A North Region Finals	Valley H.S.	TBD			
Tue. 10/31	2A State Play-In Game	High Seed	6:00 pm			
Sat. 11/4	2A State Playoffs (1st 2 Rounds)	Phoenix	TBD			
Tue. 11/7	2A State Semifinals	Phoenix	TBD			
Sat. 11/10	2A State Championship	Veterans' M.CPhoenix	TBD			

Date	Event	Location	Times
Sart. 10/21	NAJC Finab	70	10:00 am
Sat. 10/28	Northern AZ MS Champion	eships Flogstuff	10:00 am
Sat. 11/4	AZ Youth XC Championshi	ips Surprise	10:00 am









Hopi Jr./Sr. High School has an Early Release Day Wednesday, October 18, 2023. We will follow our Short Day Schedule with classes beginning at 8:25 am and ending at 12:54 pm. Buses will depart campus around 1:00 pm. Our staff is using the afternoon for department planning meetings

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL REPORTS

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and give Updates to the First Mesa Community. Due to past gathering restrictions, no public meetings were held; thus, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Here is a recap of reports submitted by your Council Representatives, beginning Jan 1, 2022 to present.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Delfred Leslie	Albert Sinquah	Dale Sinquah	Wallace Youvella Jr	2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Sinquah	Dale Sinquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
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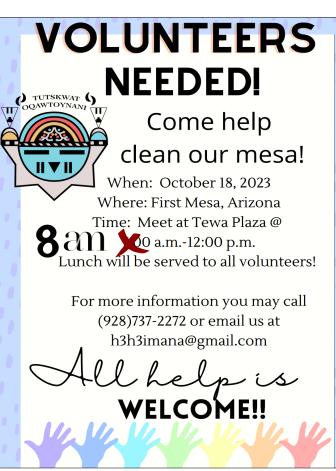
FMCV Water Payment Schedule

Oct. Due Date: Nov. 10, 2023 Nov. Due Date: Dec. 10, 2023 Dec. Due Date: Jan. 10, 2024

Master & VISA Card payments are accepted via telephone. Money Order payments accepted by US mail or you may place in drop box located outside office. Call 928-737-2670 for Info.

First Mesa
Consolidated Villages
P.O. Box 260
Polacca, AZ 86042
928-737-2670

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Hopi Girls Cross Country Team Seeks Travel Funds to Get to the 2023 Cross Country Coaches Nat'l Youth Championship Run



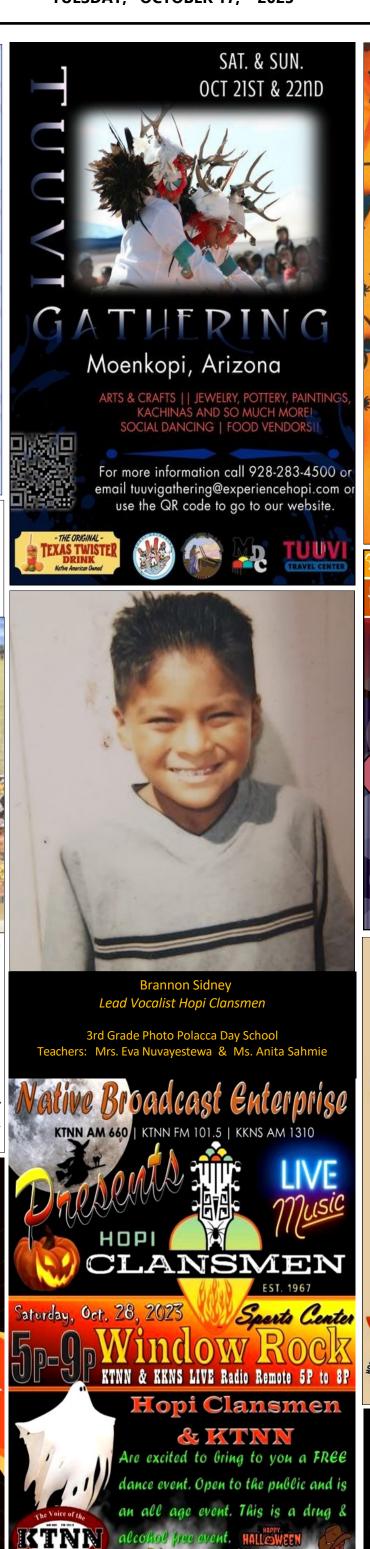
The Hopi Girls Elite XC is a group of middle school girls from the Hopi Reservation. Your contribution to the Hopi Girls Elite XC team would help the girls get to the 2023 Cross Country Coaches National Youth Championships. The Championships run is being held in Louisville Kentucky on Nov 18.

We are seeking help with some of the costs:

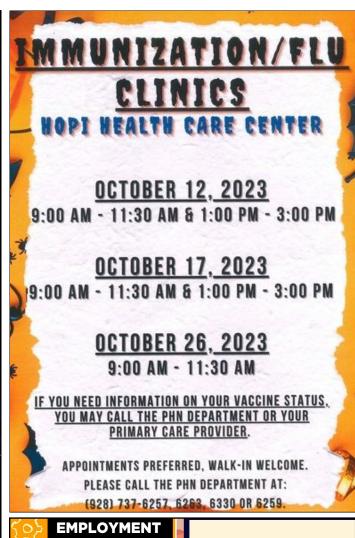
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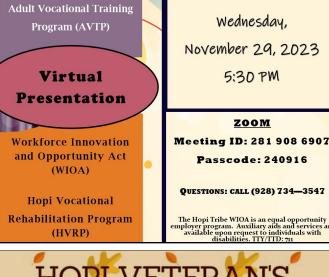
We would like to thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to read our story, share our story, and most of all contribute towards our running endeavors.





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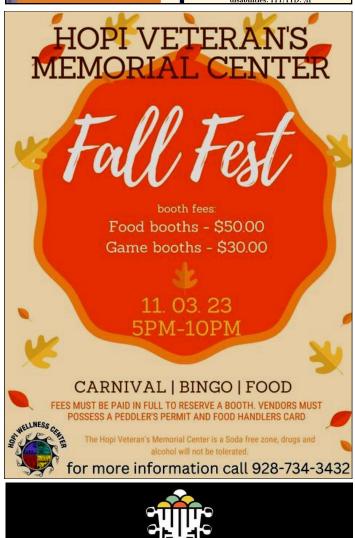


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Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program Wednesday,

October 25, 2023

5:30 PM



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