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HOPI CALENDAR

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Kyaamuyaw The Moon of Respect, the beginning of the Hopi New Year

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

THIS MONTH IN **HOPI HISTORY**

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

Hopi High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team Wins **Championship at the Route 66 Invitational Tournament**



FMCV Receives Letter from EPA re: Violations of Federal Clean Water Act

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

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First Mesa Consolidated Vil- connecting to the Hopi the gross violation. lages (FMCV) received a no- Arsenic Mitigation Pro-

On December 13, the 3, 2019 which proposed the resolution for approval of

All during the constructification letter from the En- ject (HAMP) as the solu- tion, FMCV was not in-Protection tion to arsenic maximum cluded, although we are to Agency re: violations of the contaminant level (MCL) be the recipient of the wa-Federal Clean Water Act and violations in drinking ter system. Of particular subject to civil judicial penal- water." The letter further interest was the cost for ty up to \$67,544 per day. Pre- provides for a possible our village to receive the was presented a completed mended on several occa- design and especially FMCV agreed to an ad- water agreement without sions for one of our villag- meetings on progress of violations of the violations of for the elderly and those on bers and all received wa- out water services after



The First Mesa Consolidated Villages Office will be closed at noon on December 22 for the Christmas Holiday and re-open December 26.

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viously, our village agreed to hearing before the Unit- HAMP water. Our office systems. It was recom- in the planning and an "Administrative Order" to ed States District Court. provide periodic water testing for arsenic levels and con-ministrative order issued by providing information for es to take over the opera- construction. Our office nect to the recent completed EPA, prior to the construc- justification of the pro- tions since they receive does not have authority to Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Pro- tion of the HAMP. At the posed water rates. It was yearly village allocations. make decisions on the fiject (HAMP), which is now onset of the HAMP construc- estimated that the water In fact, what should be nal position of FMCV, only complete. This letter orders tion, there was non-approval would require each house- seriously considered is our our leaders. Also, without our return to compliance of of lease of village lands and hold to pay approximately leaders transferring the this authority, we must not our FMCV water system by including rights-of-ways re- \$94 a month, an increase village water operations to deviate from the legal posi-Dec. 31, 2023. Information ported to EPA and Indian from \$34 a month. Our the three villages. They tion of our village. was received that Shun- Health Service who provided Kikmongwi informed us he receive yearly funding algopavy received the same the federal grants. The final was concerned at this rate locations for village mem- be having our village withletter from EPA.

The letter reads as federal leasing laws and tribal a fixed income. follows: "The purpose of laws was by the Hopi Tribal this letter is to notify you Council on recommenda- continued indiscriminate of the approaching date tions by Hopi Tribal Attor- use of water, caused by no EPA on receiving the letter only have a devasting efto return to compliance news. Although this was re- controls of conserved use and we in the past have fect on families, but our under the Order is De- ported to the Hopi Tribal of water. For years, FMCV complied with the require- Hopi Health Care, Dialvsis cember 31, 2023. FMCV Council by our Office of Real has solely subsidized the ments of the Administra- Care Center, Schools, submitted a Compliance Estate, the Hopi Tribal Coun- unmet payments for the tive Order. However, our Housing Authority serving Plan to EPA on January cil took no action to rescind operations of the water office had no involvement the Hopi Reservation.

The worst result would ter operations equipment January 1, 2024 on orders Of concern is also the from the CARES Act fund. of EPA acting under Fed-FMCV will respond to eral Laws. This would not

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Overview of Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project

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

•The Bureau of Indian Af- title of Business Manager construction startups. fairs transferred the First and according to records •On review of our files, EPA Mesa Water Wells to First was involved with the con- had already established Mesa Consolidated Villag- tinued planning that in- strict arsenic testing rees in 1970. FMCV initially, cluded conceptual draw- quirements and policies established the Polacca ings and well drillings. Water Rights Association •On my appointment as These policies included to operate and manage the Business Manager, De- finding an alternative water system that first disband- cember 2011, I reviewed source or installing filter ed in 1972 and again in the conceptual drawings systems to meet safe arse-1973 resulting in takeover which included a water nic levels for public conof water operations by line from Hardrock wells sumption. Most townships FMCV to continue provid- thru Wild Cat Area on into developed and implementing water to the village. Wepo Valley, continuing to ed filter systems for imme-Arsenic was already pre- the First Mesa Gap and diate arsenic compliance. sent in the water.

States Government passed Yellow Jacket Drilling Service were never in supthe Federal Water Pollution Company was hired by the port of filter systems. Control Act in 1948 and lat- Hopi Tribe using approxi- •A written agreement er the 1972 Amendments mately \$700,000 of allo- (MOA) for an alternative that created the present cated EPA funds to FMCV water source was required Clean Water Act and EPA. in 2004 under PH04563 by EPA laws to justify non This Act applies to all public for water development and -enforcement of arsenic water systems in the United without village approval. violations. On March 21, States, including Indian Again, this First Mesa Wa- 2011, Ms. Bernie Nuvaku-Tribes. EPA was later desig- ter Development funds ku signed on behalf of nated by US Congress to were reverted to the drill- FMCV along with the Homonitor and enforce the ing operations by the Indi- pi Tribe, an agreement to Clean Water Act. •From 1972 -2005, FMCV pi Tribe without FMCV ter source by January of arsenic levels were within consent. Also, the water 2016. The year 2016 was the law's acceptable levels. well drilling was within the also the anticipated com-In 2006, EPA lowered the traditional land holdings of pletion date for HAMP as acceptable level of arsenic FMCV. The second drilling stated in the agreement. which than placed FMCV developed problems and No record in FMCV files water in violation. •Ivan Sidney, Community Services Ad- with our Traditional Lead- lage ministrator and Pete ers asking for permission HAMP nor sponsoring Mitchell, Indian Health to continue the drilling meetings on HAMP Pro-Sanitation Engineer in operations on our village ject. I attended village 2005 conceived the plan lands. At this meeting, Ho- meetings by invitation and for drawing water from pi Tribe and Indian Health particularly at Tewa Adthe Navajo Aquafer used Service requested permis- ministrative Office, the by Peabody Coal to slurry sion for water pipeline meeting started on water coal to Mohave Generat- rights-of-way to Keams and as usual, quickly reing Station in Nevada. Canyon from the 500,000- verted to questions and First Mesa water would gallon East Water Tank. come from well fields in •It is unknown when the Traditional Leaders, comthe Hardrock Area to re- second waterline to serve pletely off the agenda. of arsenic.

Indian Health Service were finally able to re- ing its government-to-Sanitation Engineering view the proposed draw- government relations is was contacted by the local ing developed by the In- only with the Hopi Tribe Engineer, Pete Michell dian Health Service esti- and not FMCV. Since and discussions and con- mating the cost for the 2012, FMCV continued to cepts for the water from entire operations at \$18 recommend changes to Hardrock water fields was million. The funds for the the project, requested implemented. FMCV was construction was never our review of planning not aware of any involve- discussed but FMCV as- and construction document by the Hopi Tribe at sumed it would be fund- ments and continued to the time, unless the Indi- ed by federal grants and review the estimated an Health Service who is supplemented by the Ho- amount of the loan. The required to work thru the pi Tribal funds. FMCV payment of the loan Hopi Tribe informed immediately requested would pass on to the custhem of our plans for an final drawings so we tomers for payment and alternative water source would discuss the ap- will result in higher for our village. •I left my position at FMCV for the required rights-of mated monthly cost for in December 2005 and was -ways. We are all aware, HAMP water was never not involved until my reap- federal grants require provided and today repointment in December clearances such as envi- mains a critical matter 2011. Bernie Nuvakuku ronmental assessments for customers and our became the CSA and later prior to awarding of Traditional Leaders. managed to acquire the grants and especially Continued on Page 3

This over view was first written in 2016, updated November 9, 2020 and republished December 19, 2023.

becoming federal law. finally connecting to the Records show that the Hopi •Prior to EPA, the United East Water Tank. In 2010, Tribe and Indian Health

> an Health Service and Ho- provide an alternative wathe Hopi Tribe finally documents Ms. Nuvaku-FMCV came to FMCV to meet ku's reporting to the vilinformation on statements against FMCV

place First Mesa Water the Second Mesa Villages •Our input in the project Wells having high levels from First Mesa Water was not seriously consid-Fields was included into ered due to the Indian •The Pinetop Office of the the HAMP Project. We Health Service maintainproval with our leaders monthly cost. The esti-

Be Aware and and Take **Precaution when Burning** Unseasoned Wood

By: Myron Ami, Consultant **First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

donated and sold on the wood that once had high Hopi reservation. People moisture content dries. should be aware and take this can take up to two precautions if they are *years*, and this process is burning wood. It does pose a fire soning is essential for danger if chimneys are wood to burn effectively not monitored properly cleaned.

burn green wood, also vapor when combined known as unseasoned or with other gases and par-'wet' wood. This timber, ticles, goes up the chimregardless of species, is ney, and unless the counterproductive burning and will result in the condensation creates excess smoke and a build a creosote substance, -up of (damaging sticky tar de- forms tar in the chimney. posits) inside of the ap- This tar can also seep pliance and flue. A tip for into the brickwork if a identifying unseasoned chimney is unlined. wood is the noise it makes, If you knock two a real risk if excessive tar pieces of wood together forms in a chimney. The and they make a dull fire can start due to the thud, then the wood is accumulation of residue, most likely, too, wet to which can restrict the burn.

particularly dense hard- atmosphere. If you have wood tree species, such a metal liner in your as Oak, can take more chimney the excessive than two years to fully condensation can also season. Visual signs of cause corrosion, which properly seasoned wood can cause the liner to include radial cracks, fail. cross-section in the logs, loose bark, and dull col- swept at least twice a oring. The weight of sea- year is essential to ensoned wood is also no- sure it stays clean, and ticeable lighter green wood.

moisture content of 25% between is cut the wood contains time arrives.

A lot of wood is being water. Over time, the "unseasoned" called seasoning. Seaand on a fire.

If you burn unsea-You should never soned wood, the water for chimney is kept warm, creosote which when hardens,

A chimnev fire can be flow of gases trying to The wood of some escape up to the outside

Having your chimney than the chances of a chimney fire are reduced. Burning The Dangers of Burn- seasoned wood will not ing Unseasoned Wood - stop a chimney from col-Charleston and Jenrick lecting residue. However, Unseasoned wood con- it will certainly reduce tains a high percentage congestion, which will of water. Usually, a provide peace of mind chimney and above is considered sweeps, and make a lot unseasoned. When a tree less mess when sweeping

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From Page 2—Overview of HAMP

- It was obvious that FMCV had a major part in the HAMP due to the largest number of households and including private, public, federal and tribal business offices. It was also obvious we had the largest water operations and for years have been without tribal allocations. Our Village revenues are generated from leases which help to subsidize our water operations. Monthly payments remain to not meet all the cost of operations. It was obvious a loan to fund the HAMP mandated our number of customers for justification. (See SDS IHS Scoring Matrix)
- The Hopi Tribal Council's answer to the oversight of the HAMP created the Hopi Utilities Corporation approved by Resolution. This included the hiring of a Manager, Board of Directors to oversee the HAMP and future operations of the Hopi Water and Sewer Operations. The Manager was immediately hired without a budget and at the time of the development, FMCV Administration was in support.
- From September 2016 to November 2017, FMCV immediately started working with Mr. Tim Bodell, HAMP Manager and again provided our comments and recommendation to the doomed HAMP Project. During this time, USDA, another Federal Agency, reviewed the HAMP Project engineer drawings and shared its opinion that the project was overdesigned. This review in writing was dated June 13, 2017. This supported our continued position that the project was failing, partially due to high costs. By memorandum dated September 1, 2017, both the Indian Health Service and the Hopi Tribe criticized this report. To offset the report, IHS and Hopi Tribe focused on the problems and costs associated with filter systems, because it was a threat to HAMP. The Hopi Agency BIA System and the Second Mesa School filter systems were included in the critics by IHS and Hopi Tribe.
- The Hopi Tribal Council in May 2017 placed the HUC under the Hopi Tribal Communications, Inc. One of the reasons was because the Hopi Tribe is ineligible for federal grants due to audit violations. FMCV was not in support of this transfer due to its experiences with HTI.
- The Hopi Tribe and EPA requested for a renewed Memorandum of Agree-

companies to move forward with our filtration project.

- For years, rightfully, our village members have voiced their concern for the high levels of arsenic. These concerns for arsenic are expressed (voiced) by emails, face book, at village meetings and in person directed primarily at FMCV. Two years ago, without our knowledge, the Hopi Tribe invited an Arizona Republic reporter to report on our use of water having high levels of arsenic. The reporter interviewed tribal officials, First Mesa Village members and did not include FMCV Administration. Second Mesa Villages were not included, although they too have high levels of arsenic. This resulted in threats and political movements by our villagers, all directed at FMCV. Recently, Former Chairman Honanie invited a national media and violated our Traditional Kikmongwi's refusal of filming at First Mesa by use of a Drone. These are a few examples of how all these years we have been subjected to politically motived blame for arsenic in our village water system while we remain to wait years for the Hopi Tribe's HAMP.
- Our village had minimal records of HAMP planning documents now ongoing for several years. Our meetings only result in verbal discussions and no planning or final documents produced on HAMP for our reviews/ approvals. Several of past meetings had our traditional leaders attending, including November 7, 2017 when several high officials of EPA were in attendance. On January 10, 2017 a meeting was held with the Hopi Tribe. My email to several tribal officials, including IHS and EPA stating our withdrawal from the HAMP was final and that resulted in comments. These comments mostly questioned that possibly it was my sole decision to withdraw from HAMP. Although this meeting was scheduled to hear directly from FMCV, other Hopi Villages, Tribal Council Representatives, Office of Chairman and Vice Chairman, Hopi Telecommunications Board and Tribal Staff attended the meeting. This again supported our position that comments at FMCV is all politically motivated. The Hopi General Counsel presided over the meeting. Included in the discussion was the possibility that EPA, may issue a violation citation. Also, included a comment that

nor briefing on the status of HAMP. We have heard comments from tribal officials that the hold on the HAMP progress is with the Indian Health Service Engineering Office. Apparently, the issue is over the use of grant funds to continue the financial support of the Pinetop Office of Indian Health Service. In the interim, our village received a threating letter accompanied by an Administrative Order requiring our village have 15 days to respond. Our village for political reasons for years do not receive annual tribal village allocations and have been subsidizing our water program for years. We have the most households and business, tribal and federal offices on the Hopi Reservation. This was the reason to immediately install water filters on our wells to immediately be in compliance.

- When we are threatened by violation penalties by EPA, why was the Indian Health Service and Hopi Tribe not included. They were the cause of the years of delay of the project. Administrative Agreements were first signed in 2011 and 2016 was the proposed completion date for HAMP. Two years after 2016, we are under threat to sign another Administrative without an official committed date for completion of the HAMP. Why are the villages of First Mesa and Second Mesa under another threat? We are not involved to date on the planning, design and actual construction of the HAMP. We are merely a paying costumer to receive and pay for HAMP water whenever it is constructed. I will repeat the statement of EPA on November 7, 2017 that the HAMP would not receive EPA Grants if FMCV is not included in the HAMP. Yet today, EPA is ordering our compliances that do not include the Indian Health Service and Hopi Tribe that have direct authority over the project. We could have been in EPA compliance if we were supported to install our filter systems. Included in the nonsupport for our filters was Indian Health and Hopi Tribe. And including EPA who made statements that the HAMP would not receive the EPA Grant if FMCV was not included in the project.
- We are aware that insufficient funding is one of the critical issues faced by HAMP. It is proposed that the cus-

sign the Orders?

- This overview has been updated to document the years of FMCV efforts for Safe Drinking Water compliance and faced with the delays which are totally not under our control. Since our village have become more critical, we for some time, no longer have the contacts with Indian Health Service. At one time, our contact from HAMP Officials was almost a year, yet we are continually impacted by the non-completion of HAMP. We were again, required by EPA to submit a compliance plan for their approval that did not include the Indian Health Service and Hopi Tribe. This plan was completed and submitted to EPA and was approved. This plan requires quarterly reports which now resulted in two reports, all reporting the unknown status of HAMP. This new compliance plan includes numerous testing all very costly. We have now re-engaged in plans to install arsenic filters at our two wells and discussion with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority on management take over of FMCV Water Systems. An increase in water payments on January 2020 was implemented defray the cost of water operation. FMCV without the yearly tribal village allocations continued to solely supplement the shortage of costs to operate FMCV Water Systems.
- The HAMP Manager recently contacted my office for a meeting to share the status of the HAMP Project. I was informed verbally the project now has funding for completion by 2021. FMCV must approve the rightof-way for the project and to date, we have not received the documents for authorization signatures. One of the problems, the HAMP office is located in Flagstaff, resulting in no daily contact with our village office.
- Nine years after being promised an alternative water source with less arsenic remains nowhere near completion. It is disappointing that even the Hopi Tribal Council have not directed the expedited completion of the HAMP. Our office maintains records on the issues on file pertaining to arsenic and justification for water rate increases.
- The recent increase as expected, resulted in complaints and meetings without any research for facts. This writer recommendations that partic-

ment for an alternative water and FMCV's written support for HAMP. On November 7, 2017, Officials from the EPA Regional 9 Office came specifically to recommend FMCV to sign the MOA. The Head EPA Official stated that without the FMCV support for HAMP, Hopi Tribe would not receive any grants. I will take the blame for not signing the proposed MOA at the time based on the directive of our Traditional Leaders. Their decision was to withdraw from HAMP and was made know by email. It was my recommendation that any decision on our continued involvement with HAMP or discontinuance would be by the official signatures of our Traditional Leaders and not the Village Administrator.

We were meeting with USDA Representatives on a filtration system and received favorable support. We have also received proposals from various

EPA does not favor a filter system to support the HAMP. The EPA law only requires that our water must have safe levels of arsenic. At the conclusion of the meeting, FMCV agreed that all communications to EPA from our village will be thru the Office of the Hopi General Counsel. This must also require FMCV to involve our Village Attorney.

• EPA to date, October 10, 2018 have not requested from the Hopi Tribe a response for its years of delays that now places FMCV to be threaten for violation of the clean water act. All information on this document is supported by our office files that include our numerous letters on this subject/ matter to the Hopi Tribal Council and Office of Chairman and Vice Chairman, all receiving no replies.

• Since November 7, 2017 meeting with the Hopi Tribe and EPA Officials from the Region 9 Office, we have not received HAMP planning documents

tomers will pay for a loan. The insufficient funding is now more critical due to the closure of the Navajo Generating Station thereby resulting in the closure of Peabody Coal Company. For years, the Peabody Coal royalty payments have supported around 80% of the Hopi Tribes revenues. A loan would place the villages and its members in a possible financial responsible position. What is the business plan of the Hopi Tribe to assure our villages that HAMP would be completed and who would be responsible for any financial shortfalls which may cause the HAMP to not be completed? We need assurances for the immediate completion of HAMP to allow for us to sign the Administrative Order proposed by EPA. Is EPA in a better position to require commitments from the Hopi Tribe 2016, updated Nov. 9, 2020 and reand Indian Health Service on the completion of the HAMP before we

ular, Village Boards, should conduct research and including engagement of respectful discussions to obtain factual information. On First Mesa Water System. However, I understand some boards are directed to not associate with me. This brings this overview to date and all records supporting this overview are available. • October 2020, a new well is being

drilling and contraction has started on a water tank which will provide gravity flow of water to First Mesa. The new aligned water line to First Mesa have been completed which lower the cost of construction. The HAMP Project is funded and have finally started under the Directorship of Mr. Tim Bodell.

This over view was first written in published Dec. 19, 2023.

Hopi Tribe General Welfare Assistance Program (GWEAP) Application Portal

By: Myron Ami, Consultant **First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

Below is a screen shot of the disclaimer which appears as soon as the whether the tribe's software for the portal for the Hopi GWEAP is accessed. portal is safe or not. If applications are

It seems the tribe has admitted it has taken no precautions to safeguard into the portal, could the information personal information required to ap- still be compromised? ply for the GWEAP application via the internet. If personal information can fore, personal information MUST be be compromised online, then in all probability, the tribe's computer systems could be compromised also.

It also brings up the question of submitted via hardcopy and entered

GWEAP are federal funds; theresafeguarded. Frankly, I don't know why the tribe didn't provide the website security in the first place.

Confidentiality Notice

The portal provided for your application is a third-party application and has been embedded on this website by The Hopi Tribe, usage is done at your own discretion and risk and with agreement that you will be solely responsible for any damage to your computer system, data theft, identity theft or loss of data that results from such activities. You are solely responsible for adequate protection and backup of the data and equipment used in connection with any of the applications linked to this website, and we will not be liable for any damages that you may suffer connection with uploading your personal information to the embedded portal. No advice or information, whether oral or written, obtained by you from us or from this website shall create any warranty for the software provided.

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The Hopi Tribe is accepting proposals for In-Technology formation Management Services at the Hopi Tribal Court. The Court requires a contractor who can provide direction over the Court's IT system, which includes network environment, case management systems and digital record-

The project will last for one year. Submittal deadline is January 16, 2024.

ing systems.

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Date	Opponent	Location	Times	Date	0	1.4.4.4.4			
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Thu. 1/4	Pinon* (No Freshman Girls)	Норі	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm	Wed. 1/17	Rock Point C.S.	Rock Point	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm		
Sat. 1/6	Valley* (No Freshman)	Valley	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm		Nock Polin C.S.	Rock Foun	JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Mon. 1/8	Northland Prep (Freshman Boys Only) Hopi	FB-4:30	Sat. 1/20	Pinon JV Invite	Pinon	JVG-TBD		
Mon. 1/8	Greyhills* (No Freshman & JV)	Норі	VB-7:30 VG-6:00		B	D	JVB-TBD		
Thu. 1/11	Tuba City	Tuba City	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm	Mon. 1/22	Page M.S.	Page	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Sat. 1/13	Round Valley* (No Freshman Girls)	Round Valley	VB-5:00, JVB-2:00, FB-3:30 pm VG-3:30, JVG-2:00	Fri. 1/26	Tschootsoi M.S.*	Tschootsooi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Tue. 1/16	Many Farms* (No Freshman)	Норі	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 VG-6:00, JVG-3:00	Sat. 1/27	Pinon Varsity Invite	Pinon	VG-TBD VB-TBD		
Thu. 1/18	Ganado	Норі	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-12:00 pm	Mon. 1/29	Tuba City B.S.	Норі	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm		
Sat. 1/20	St. Johns*	St. Johns	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-3:00 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00, FG-4:30 pm	50750-51-151		2004103	JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Tue. 1/23	Round Valley* (No Freshman Girls)	Норі	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00	Thu. 2/1	Sanders M.S.*	Норі	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Thu. 1/25	Pinon* (No Freshman Girls)	Pinon	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30, FB-1:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm	Mon. 2/5	Tuba City J.H.S.	Норі	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Sat. 1/27	Valley* (No Freshman) (Senior Night)	Норі	VB-7:30, JVB-4:30 pm VG-6:00, JVG-3:00 pm	Wed. 2/7	St. Michaels LS.*	St. Michaels	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm		
Wed. 1/31	Region Tourney-1 st Round	High Seed	VG-6:00, VB-7:30 pm				JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Fri. 2/2	Region Tourney-Semifinals	Girl's #1 Seed	VG-TBD, VB-TBD	Mon. 2/12	Red Mesa J.H.S.	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm		
Sat. 2/3	Region Tourney-Finals	Girl's #1 Seed	VG-TBD, VB-TBD				JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Thu. 2/8	State Play-In Game (Girls)	High Seed	VG-TBD	Wed. 2/14	Chinle J.H.S*	Hopi	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pm		
Fri. 2/9	State Play-In Game (Boys)	High Seed	VB-TBD				JVB-5:00 pm & VB-7:00 pm		
Fri. 2/16	State-Round of 16	Prescott	VG-TBD, VB-TBD	Sat. 2/17	Baker MS Varsity Invite	Kayenta	VG-TBD		
Sat. 2/17	State-Quarterfinals State-Semifinals	Prescott	VG-TBD, VB-TBD			5199 COM	VB-TBD		
Fri. 2/23 Sat. 2/24	State-Semifinals State-Finals	Phoenix-VMC Phoenix-VMC	VG-TBD, VB-TBD VG-TBD, VB-TBD	Wed. 2/21	Ganado M.S.*	Ganado	JVG-4:00 pm & VG-6:00 pn		
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Sat. 3/2

2023-2024 Hopi High School Wrestling Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times	
Fri. 1/5	Joseph City Wrestling Invite	Joseph City	Weigh-In – 10:00 am Wrestle – 12:00 pm	
Sat. 1/6	Joseph City Wrestling Invite	Joseph City	Weigh-In – 8:00 am Wrestle – 10:00 am	
Wed. 1/10	Monument Valley Super-Regional Invite (1A-3A North Region Schools)	Monument Valley	Weigh-In – 8:00 am Wrestle – 10:00 am	
Wed. 1/17	Tuba City Round Robin (Div. IV North Section Teams)	Tuba City	Weigh-In – 2:00 pm Wrestle – 3:00 pm	
Fri. 1/19	Sand Devil Wrestling Classic	Page	Weigh-In – 11:00 am Wrestle – 1:00 pm	
Sat. 1/20	Sand Devil Wrestling Classic	Page	Weigh-In – 7:00 am Wrestle – 9:00 am	ł
Wed. 1/24	Snowflake Multi-Meet – Coolidge, Hopi, Mogollon, & Snowflake	Snowflake	Weigh-In – 3:00 pm Wrestle – 4:00 pm	
Tue. 1/30	St. Johns Multi-Meet – Hopi, Joseph City, Round Valley, & St. Johns	St. Johns	Weigh-In – 2:00 pm Wrestle – 3:00 pm	
Sat. 2/3	Girls' Div. II Section III Meet	Payson	Weigh-In – TBD Wrestle – TBD	
Sat. 2/10	Div. IV, Boys' North Section Meet	Winslow	Weigh-In – TBD Wrestle – TBD	
Thu. 2/15	State Meet - Session I (Boys & Girls)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In – TBD Wrestle – TBD	
Fri. 2/16	State Meet – Session II (Boys & Girls)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In – TBD Wrestle – TBD	
Sat. 2/17	State Meet – Medal Rounds (Boys & Girls)	Veterans' Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix)	Weigh-In – TBD Wrestle – TBD	

* Denotes a NAIC Division I East Region Opponent

NAIC-Finals

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Monument Valley H.S.

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Good Luck to Jayce Sidney as he travels to play in the 6th Annual Indigenous Bowl football game in Soboba, California on December 21 Sidney will be representing Hopi Jr. Sr. High School in the Native Bowl Game.



VB-TBD

VG-TBD VB-TBD

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Hopi Tribal Council December 2023 First Quarter Agenda

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter dated May 23, 2023 from Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, Re: Auditor requires Tribal Treasurer sign and return the Debt Confirmation Letter. Rosa Honani, Council Rep, Village of Sipaulovi – Tabled

2. Action Item #087-2023 – To approve the Moenkopi Development Corporation (MDC) forbearance on its Hopi Loan payments as a temporary measure until MDC pays off the PNC Loan and secures the Tuuvi Travel Center Property Author William Charley, Council Representative, Upper Village of Moencopi (Author changed per UVM's Request) – Tabled

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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). Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

2. Letter dated October 18, 2023 – from Eugene Talas to act on FY 2024 General Fund Budget. David Talayumptewa, Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

3. Action Item #108-2023 – Obtain Tribal Council approval for eligible applicants for membership in the Hopi Tribe – Lamar Keevama, Director, Enrollment Office

4. Action Item #109-2023 – Reauthorization of Hopi Cancer Support Services

Revolving Account – Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services

5. Action Item #110-2023 – To approve the continued use of the Hopi Solid Waste Management Program Revolving Account for operation and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, Hopi Landfill operations and appurtenances including local hire of laborers for the continued operation of the Hopi Solid Waste Management Program– Danford Wadsworth, Program Manager, Hopi Solid Waste Management

6. Action Item #111-2023 – Approve Release of Final Drawdown from FY 2023 General Fund for Village of Sichomovi in the amount of \$93,333.33 – Phyllis Wittsell, Village Mger, Village of Sichomovi

7. Action Item #112-2023 – Renew Range Management Fund Revolving Account – Priscilla Pavatea, Program Manager, Office of Range Management

8. Action Item #113-2023 – To request the continuation of Revolving Account for the Hopi Medical Transportation Program to expand and enhance non-emergent medical transportation services – Carrie Dewangyumptewa, Supervisor, Hopi

Medical Transportation Program

9. Action Item #115-2023 – Resolution authorizing Hopi Utilities Corp. to apply for the Tribal Electrification Program funding opportunity offered by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) – Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Utilities Corporation

10. Action Item #116-2023 –To approve the three (3) year Special Revolving Account for the Cultural Preservation Office and the Hopi Tribal Historic Preservation Office – Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Program Manage, Cultural Preservation Office

11. Action Item #117-2023 – Update the existing Revolving Account resolution Romalita Laban, Managing Editor, Hopi Tutuveni

12. Action Item #118-2023 – A resolution to authorize participation in settlement in opioid related litigation. Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

13. Action Item #119-2023 – Approve Land Information Systems update for Revolving Account for FY' 2024-2027. Betty Poley, Assistant Supervisory Geodesist, Office of Community Planning & Eco-

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. Reports are published in the Village Crier. Here is a recap of reports submitted by your Council Representatives, beginning Jan 1, 2022 to present.

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nomic Development/Land Information Systems

14. Action Item #120-2023 – Hopi Tribal Council approve the FY 2024 General Fund Budget and the Expenditure Authorization & Appropriations Language (EAAL) for Hopi Tribal Programs – Eugene Talas, Chair, Budget Oversight Team

15. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Between the Hopi Tribe, the United States of Energy, the United States Department of Education, the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Environmental

Protection Agency, the United States Department of Labor, and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Committee – Dale Sinquah, Chair, Water Energy Committee, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

XII. REPORTS

- 1. Office of the Chairman
- 2. Office of the Vice Chairman

3. Office of Tribal Secretary – Report on Administrative Oversight of Program Depts.

- 4. Office of the Treasurer
- 5. Office of the General Counsel
- 6. Land Commission
- 7. Water/Energy Committee
- 8. Transportation Committee
- 9. Law & Order Committee
- 10. Investment Committee
- 11. Health/Education Committee

12. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Written Programmatic Report for October 2023

13. Report on the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) – Wallace Youvella, Jr., Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

FMCV Water Payment Schedule

Nov. is Due Dec. 10, 2023 Dec. is Due Jan. 10, 2024

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2023-24 Suns NBA

Regular Game Schedule

@ Portland	Tue, Dec 19	10:00 PM	TBD
@ Sacramento	Fri, Dec 22	10:00 PM	TBD
vs Dallas	Mon, Dec 25	10:30 PM	ESPN
@ Houston	Wed, Dec 27	8:00 PM	TBD
vs Charlotte	Fri, Dec 29	9:00 PM	TBD
vs Orlando	Sun, Dec 31	8:00 PM	TBD



Merry Christmas Happy New Year! From the First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administration

The Christmas Bible Story The Nativity of Jesus Christ

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary Birth of Jesus Foretold ~ <u>Luke</u> <u>1:26-38</u>

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of <u>God</u>. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The Birth of Jesus Christ Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. The Birth of Jesus Christ

~ Matthew 1:18-25

him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

The Shepherds Visit the Angels ~ <u>Luke 2:8-21</u>

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifving and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Visit from the Three Wise Men ~ Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the <u>prophet</u>: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of

The Christmas Story The Birth of Jesus Christ Luke 2:1-20



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16. (NIV)

Merry Christmas from The Voice of Hope Across Nations. KWIM 880 & 96.7, KTBA 760 & 95.3, KPGX 103.5 & 98.1 Kayenta and KWIM 104.9

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holv Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded

Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



Hopi Election Board Members VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hopi Tribal Council announces the vacancy of three (3) Election Board members and three (3) alternates. The Qualifications and Terms of members are:

- 3. Election Board
- A. A member of the Election Board must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe, able to speak Hopi fluently, and must not be a member of the Hopi Tribal Council or a personal staff employee of the incumbent of the Chairman or Vice Chairman. No more than two individuals from the same village may serve as a regular member of the Election Board at the same time.
- B. Members of the Election Board shall serve for terms of (5) years commencing on the effective dates of their appointments by the Tribal Council. All interested individuals must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary. These vacancies will remain open until filled.



Merry Christmas from the Staff of **First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

Ivan Sidney, Mary Qotswisiwma, Sharon Grover, Louella Furcap, Wilber Kaye, Myron Amí, Brannon Sídney, Alphonso Sakeva, Joshua Huma, Craig Grover, Daylan Qotswisiwma



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