The Arizona Centennial Best Fest Event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Arizona’s statehood. The Hopi Tribe designated the Hopi Office of Revenue Commission who is currently working on tourism management initiatives and economic-related activities, to be the point of contact for the Arizona Centennial Celebrations. The Office of Revenue Commission will lead a team of local residents in representing the Hopi Tribe at the Arizona Centennial Best Fest event in Downtown Phoenix, Arizona on February 11th and 12th, 2012.

Organized by the Arizona Centennial Commission and the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association, the Best Fest will showcase an Indian Village. Within the village, several of Arizona’s Tribes will be represented with traditional structures, dances, arts & crafts, and demonstrators.

The Hopi Tribes representation will include the construction of a replica of a Hopi House and will include a local dance group and local artisans. Antone Honanie of Kykotsmovi village will lead a dance group who will be performing the Pal’hik Mana Dance (Water Maiden) as well as the Eagle Dance. Members of the Miss Hopi Royalty will be on hand to meet and greet visitors and provide general information on Hopi. Lorencita Saufkie of Shungopavi village will demonstrate Piki making and will explain its importance to the Hopi culture. Dorothy Ami from the village of Tewa will educate visitors on the meticulous process of creating Hopi/Tewa pottery, from collecting the clay to the finished product. Annetta Koruh from the village of Bacavi will create Yung’ya’pu’s and will explain the process and materials needed to create these works of art.

The Hopi House Planning Team consists of representatives from the Moenkopi Legacy Inn, the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, the Hopi Tribe Office of Community Planning and Economic Development, the Hopi Tribe Office of Revenue Commission and local business entrepreneurs. Support for this event comes from the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman, Peabody, and Brycon Construction.

We anticipate a successful event and our team would like to invite everyone to visit the Indian Village and the Hopi House. For more information on the event, you may visit: www.az100years.org

Kwak’kwah/Asquali
Lolma Tribal Employees,

Wednesday, January 11, 2012, was a historic day for our Hopi and Tewa people. Great appreciation is owed to the Hopi Assisted Living Task team for their hard work and determination in making a dream of our past and present elders a reality. For many years we have sent our elders to assisted living facilities away from Hopi, when all they wanted was to be home.

It is exciting to know that in 10 months we will have a fully functional facility on Hopi and I hope that we are able to have this facility available to our people for a long time. Our elderly tribal members hold a lot of history, we cannot afford to forget about them and their needs.

Taking care of our elderly family members is not an easy task. They depend on us as their children and other family members to assist where they lack strength and ability. We owe a lot to them for the sacrifices, love and teachings they have provided to us throughout the years.

The Hopi Assisted Living Facility Board of Directors will be working hard from this point on to make sure everything is in order for the grand opening. Kwa Kwah to everyone who has helped during this process. We look forward to seeing many of you there during the grand opening.

Kwa Kwah,
Chairman Shingoitewa

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

- OVC presented testimony to Centers for Medicare/Medicaid in strong support of the AHCCCS, Section 1115 Tribal IHS/638 Waiver provision. This waiver provision will benefit all Arizona Tribes and Tribal 638 or compact health care organizations in providing health care to Native American beneficiaries. As a result of intensive lobbying by Indian Tribes, the OMB and DOJ have reviewed the waiver language and the matter is now on the DHHS Secretary’s desk for signature.


- OVC coordinated the interview process for the Tutuveni Editor position, Mr. Mahio Manus was selected and accepted the job. The Hopi Tribe welcomes Mahio and will assist him 100% to get the Tutuveni up and running. WELCOME Mahio!

- Vice Chairman headed the Budget Oversight Team in compiling the 2012 tribal budget, this took several months of work the latter part of the year. In December, a week and a half was spent presenting the budget to Tribal Council and eventually the budget was approved.

- OVC assisted with the 638 Consolidated Tribal Government Programs in reviewing and finalizing the contract allocations for the 2012 funding year.

- OVC worked with the Department of Natural Resources and the Hopi Conservation District to support the submission of a proposal for grant funding to the US Department of Agriculture. This project is designed to develop models to provide focal points and teaching sites for the Hopi Conservation District and key partners to develop, focus and provide hands-on experiential teaching and learning, and coordinated extension outreach to Hopi farmers and ranchers.

- OVC has worked on the recruiting for the Tribe’s General Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer. The two positions have been advertised and several individuals have submitted applications for consideration. Hopi Tribal Council will interview and hire for the two positions.
Greetings Hopi Tribe Team!
Our staff recently completed team building sessions in trust training, change management and behavior assessments. In the trust training module we learned that an atmosphere of trust between staff members increases the speed of work accomplished. In the change management block developed by the Red Tree company we learned to Anticipate Change, Take New Actions, Recognize Obstacles and Imagine Success. Finally, we completed behavior self assessments and learned more about ourselves. Self awareness is a key to personal and professional growth. Feedback from the team was very positive and the benefits are already taking place with better communication and more understanding of one another.

So how do you get your team on the road to better performance? Start with our Human Resources department. HR has several very effective and interesting presentations. The HR team would be more than happy to sit down with you and assess your needs and do a presentation that would best fit your team. Why is team building important? In this age of set budgets, and limited personnel we must to do our jobs in the most effective and efficient manner possible. When a team is “firing on all cylinders”, we see they are very good at getting things done. They also appear to have a high level of enthusiasm, energy, and they look like they are having fun. When I see a group like this I often want to be a part of that team. The question I have for you is: How is your team doing? Are you communicating effectively? Do you look forward to coming to work everyday? If not, why continue to accept this atmosphere. Give feedback to each other and let your team leader know that you want team building sessions to make your group more effective, energetic and to have fun. After all, we spend much of our lives at work—shouldn’t you a least enjoy your time there? The choice is yours—why not take the initiative to make your team better?

As always, contact me anytime if you would like to talk about any of my newsletter articles or if you want more information on team building activities.

Curtis Honanie, Chief of Staff

**Executive Schedule**

| Feb. 2012 |  
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| **Jan. 30** | **Jan. 31** | 1) | 2) | 3) |
| Land Team Meeting, Phx., AZ | Land Team Meeting, Phx., AZ | RFP Reviews, Flagstaff, AZ | Tribal Council Orientation, Flg, AZ | LCR Negotiations Phoenix, AZ |
| 6) | 7) | 8) | 9) | 10) |
| Hopi Tribal Council | Hopi Tribal Council | EPA/DOI Meeting, Phx., AZ | ITCA Meetings Phoenix, AZ |  |
| 13) | 14) | 15) | 16) | 17) |
| Inauguration Ceremony, Ft. McDowell Indian Community | | | Mandatory Directors’ Meeting Kykotsmovi Comm. Building |  |

Please Note: Executive schedule is subject to change on short notice. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Chairman, please contact Nicole Honanie, Executive Secretary at (928) 734-3102 for availability. Thank You.
During the month of September 2011, an official announcement was made that the Hopi Tribe, through HOPI Cancer Support Services, was selected as one of four (4) Native American organizations to receive the Spirit of EAGLE grant for the 2011-2012 grant year. The HOPI Cancer Support Service Program will focus on providing Men’s Cancer Awareness and Education with the grant funds awarded. Other communities who received the Spirit of EAGLE grant are the Suquamish Tribe, the Billings Clinic Cancer Center and the Northern Plains-Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board. Each community or organization will focus on some aspect of Native American Cancer Prevention or Awareness activity.

Deidra Honyumptewa, Tribal Liaison for the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) will oversee the Spirit of EAGLES grant and ensure all goals and objectives of the grant are met. In addition, Kellen Polingyumptewa, Lay Health Worker for NACP will assist to provide cancer education presentations.

The goal of the grant for Hopi is to provide twelve (12) men’s cancer education sessions in each community across the Hopi Reservation. Each education session will provide men with information about cancer in general, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and tobacco cessation programs. In addition to cancer education, each session will offer an opportunity for participants to sign up for a free oral cancer screening and colorectal cancer screening. HOPI Cancer Support Services is collaborating with Northern Arizona University’s Dental Hygiene Program to provide free oral cancer screening services. Additionally, Eldon Kalemsa, Tobacco Education and Prevention Program Coordinator will be providing the Tobacco Cessation presentations.

The first two (2) men’s cancer education sessions are scheduled to be held from noon-1 pm at the HOPI Cancer Support Services conference room on Tuesday, February 22, 2012 and Wednesday, February 23, 2012 with lunch being served. All men are encouraged to attend to receive this very important health information. Two (2) additional men’s sessions will be held during the month of March, 2012 and every month thereafter until the month of June, 2012.

NACP staff will also be sponsoring a community outreach booth every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) lobby from 9 am-11 am to disseminate cancer education material and answer any cancer-related questions the public may have. The first community outreach effort will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the HHCC lobby.

To close out the Spirit of EAGLES grant year, a Men’s Night Out event will be held during the month of June, 2012. This year’s goal is to encourage 150 men to attend. Last year’s Men’s Night Out event drew 107 men and was an evening of good food, tons of fun, awesome door prizes and plenty of cancer and men’s health education.

It will be great to see all of our Hopi and Tewa men take the initiative to improve their awareness about their personal health in the New Year! Plan to attend one or all of the events! For more information or questions, please contact Deidra Honyumptewa at 928-734-1151 or email at dhonyumptewa@hopi.nsn.us.
HEEF to Host Annual Art Sale to Benefit Hopi Students

Submitted by: Sam Tenakhongva

On Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th, 2012 the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) will host their annual art sale in Phoenix at the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (2214 N. Central Ave, directly across from the Heard Museum. Serving as the HEEF’s signature event for the past 9 years, funds raised from the art sale go towards the support of Hopi students in the form of grants and scholarships as well as supporting Hopi educational programs.

Building off the success of last year's event which raised over $29,000 and with over 25 pieces of art donated to date from acclaimed native artists such as Kim Obrzut, Sheryl Sunsunkewa, and Robert Lomabalaquihiyona, HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard stated, "The HEEF is currently soliciting and accepting donations of all mediums of artwork and we encourage those interested in donating to contact the HEEF office. During the past 8 years, artists through the donation and the sale of their artwork, have contributed immensely not only to the success of the event, but have made a significant impact in helping the HEEF provide financial resources to students and educational programs for the Hopi people." She added, "We invite and welcome everyone to join us at our event as this is great opportunity to purchase art and to also support and learn about HEEF."

In support of HEEF’s efforts, several sponsors have committed to support the event including Premiere Sponsor Peabody Western Coal Company, Major Sponsors Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation and Osborn, Maledon, PA, and Supporter Sponsors Walker & Armstrong LLP, Hufford, Horstman, Mongini, Parnell & Tucker, PC, Magnum, Wall, Stoops & Warden, PLLC and Moving Management. HEEF Development/Resource Manager Vernon Kahe stated, “We’re very grateful to our sponsors, and with their support we look forward to hosting a wonderful event.” He also added that the HEEF is still accepting sponsorships. The sale will be open on Saturday from 9 am - 5 pm and on Sunday from 9 am - 2 pm.

Since being established by the Hopi Tribal Council in 2000, the HEEF has provided over $6 million in funding for scholarships, grants and educational programs for the Hopi people. For more information on the sale visit www.hopieducationfund.org or to donate artwork contact the HEEF staff at 928-734-2275 or email heef@hopieducationfund.org The HEEF is a 7871 (a) charitable non-profit organization. All contributions and donations are tax-deductible.
With civic leadership seminar complete, newest Flinn-Brown Fellows look ahead

PHOENIX—Following completion of an intensive, 10-week seminar to build their civic-leadership capacity, members of the Fall class of the nonpartisan Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy are now planning their next steps toward public service in Arizona at the state level. In time, expectations include some running for public office, while others will choose to pursue roles as policy advisors, state-agency officials, or members of critical state boards and commissions.

The Flinn-Brown Fellows, who devoted 12 daylong sessions to enhancing their civic-leadership capacity and studying key public-policy issues that affect Arizona, are now being matched with advisers who are themselves seasoned leaders. The Fellows will consult with these advisers as they begin to apply the knowledge they gained and consider their next moves as civic leaders.

Tony Gonzales, a Flagstaff attorney, said that participating in the Academy has reinvigorated the desire he had as a young college graduate to pursue direct involvement in civic leadership.

"Ten years later, I was still helping candidates run for office, but I had lost some of my passion," Gonzales said. "The Academy made me realize that people like me, with children, careers, and other obligations, can become politically active in their communities and across the state. I realized that I am part of a generation that needs to be active in the civic-leadership arena."

The 26 Flinn-Brown Fellows in the Academy’s Fall class represent many Arizona regions, professional backgrounds, and perspectives. Among them are small-business owners, nonprofit executives, local elected officials, and numerous experts on particular public-policy issues, including economic development, K-12 education, and natural-resources development.

"The Academy convinced me that it is urgent to gather people together to address Arizona’s future," said Doug Von Gausig, mayor of Clarkdale. "It was clear during our classes that the Fellows of this Academy are exactly the sort who are interested in solving our challenges. Only when more likeminded people begin to serve will we be capable not only of solving our current problems, but advancing with prosperity and dignity into the coming years."

Each session of the Academy seminar focused on a specific topic, such as the state budget, higher education, human services, and immigration. Dozens of veteran lawmakers, business and nonprofit leaders, state agency heads, and policy experts provided facts, figures, and perspectives on the issues and shared some of the lessons they had learned working at the state level.

"Leaders inspire others to take action and go in a direction they might not otherwise have gone alone," said Beatriz Rendón, Arizona State University associate vice president and CEO of ASU Preparatory Academy. "Insurmountable challenges seem achievable when you are working alongside others that share your passion and are committed to making a difference."

Nancy Welch, director of the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership, which administers the Flinn-Brown Academy, cited the potential for the Flinn-Brown Fellows to become significant contributors to Arizona’s realization of its potential.

"Today we have 51 individuals who have participated in the Academy, learning the essential details of critical issues that confront Arizona, how those issues are intertwined, and what real-world challenges stand in the way of addressing them," Welch said. "A year from now, we expect to have 100 alumni Fellows who will bring a wide variety of perspectives and experience to state-level public
The Academy is one of three core components of the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership, created in 2010 by the Flinn Foundation and the Thomas R. Brown Foundations, respectively based in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz. Sponsored by both foundations, the Center is operated by the Flinn Foundation under the guidance of the Center’s Leadership Council.

Other components of the Center include the Arizona Civic Leadership Collaborative, established to leverage and expand the efforts of local civic-leadership programs throughout the state, and a Communication and Outreach program designed to inform organizations and individuals about the importance of civic leadership and increase civic engagement among Arizonans.

Norman Honie, Director of Mining and Mineral Resources, was among those who successfully completed this seminar.

The Spring 2012 Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy class will be held beginning in March. The selection process, which began with the submission of formal application portfolios, is now underway.

For more information you may visit: www.azcivicleadership.org

Article produced by: Arizona Center for Civic Leadership

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The Hopi Department of Education under the leadership of Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa has been awarded a $1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education that addresses the chronic shortage of certified Hopi Elementary School Educators with a Bilingual Endorsement for the six elementary schools on the Hopi reservation. The project will provide a three-year innovative, coherent, and sustained teacher education coursework, a concentration area in Hopi history, language, and culture and a four year induction program to prepare 15 exemplary Hopi elementary school educators with a Bilingual Endorsement.

The uniqueness of this project will be that all coursework will be offered on Hopi with some coursework to be offered online. Prospective applicants must have earned an AA degree. Prospective applicants are urged to contact the Department of Education, Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, NSakiestewa@Hopi.nsn.us, or (928)734-3501 or Dr. Louise Lockard, at louise.lockard@NAU.edu, or (928)523-8218 or (928)380-4855 (Cell), for more information prior to the application process.

Founded upon a strong partnership between the Hopi Tribe and Northern Arizona University (NAU), this program will be administered at the Hopi Department of Education. Applications are due by February 17, 2012, to the Department of Education, and coursework will begin on March 21, 2012.
As the new year begins, 2012 is filled with excitement of new registrations, training and updates on registration forms, why? The Presidential Preference Election, PPE, will be held on February 28, 2012. This year is the “Year of Presidential Election” November 2012. Are YOU registered to vote? On January 26, 2012, the Hopi Elections Office hosted the Navajo County Recorders and Elections Offices to provide training for our Hopi Precinct Workers. The Hopi Elections Office was full of excited new and veteran precinct workers (poll workers), for training for the PPE. Hopi has four precincts for our voters: Keams Canyon BIA agency, First Mesa Consolidated Village, Toreva (Sipaulovi/Mishungnuvi Community Center) and Oraibi (Kykotsmovi Community Center). Polls will open at 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Reminder, voters are allowed to vote only in your assigned precinct, if you want your vote to count! You will need the following when you go vote on February 28, 2012:

- State issued ID with Photo, name and address which matches what is listed on the roster, make sure that your ID has not expired!
- If you do not have an ID, you can use your tribal ID card which has a photo and name and a piece of mail with your correct address on it, i.e., a bill in your name.

Voters who are registered with the Republican and Green Parties will be the ONLY voters going to the polls on February 28th. These two parties will be voting for their candidates who will be on the ballot for the Presidential Election which will follow. There are approximately 250 republicans registered voters and 5 green party registered voters for the Hopi reservation precincts, with a low number of voters for this election, the Navajo County Elections and Recorders office has reduced the number of poll workers to 4 per precinct, the Primary and General Elections there will be 8 poll workers working to help the electors. The PPE will have a Hopi Translator available for those needing assistance at the polls.

Early voting by Navajo County Recorders office will be at the Hopi Tribal Administrative Building lobby on February 9, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A voter will NOT be required to show identification in order to vote, HOWEVER they MUST be registered with either of these parties, Republican or Green Party. If you want to change your party preference to either one of these mentioned, you must have your registration form in the mail by January 30, 2012. You can call the Navajo County’s Recorders Office to see if you are registered at 928-524-4196.

History of Native Voting in Arizona- In the late 1880's, John Elk, Omaha, made an attempt to vote, however, he was turned away. This started his fight to vote going to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1924, Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act which made the American Indians citizens, but they still could not vote. American Indians could fight in World War II but could not vote. It wasn’t until July 15, 1948 when the Native Americans were allowed to vote and only if they passed the state literacy requirements. In 1965, the Federal Voting Rights Act was passed, eliminating such discrimination and the civil rights movement further increased voting right for all disenfranchised groups. Two members of the Fort McDowell Yayapai Tribe, Harry Austin and Frank Harrison fought for our rights to vote and on July 15, 1948, were granted their push for the Native Tribes. Every year on July 15, there is an event where the Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribe give recognition to the two men who have accomplished this great achievement for all tribes.
So now it is our privilege to carry on this great accomplishment which has been granted for us, Native Americans take an active part of making a difference for ourselves, our government and our People. Let us get out and Rock the Vote, our Native Vote could swing the votes in this political race. Imagine…we can make a difference!

BACK AT THE HOME FRONT - Hopi Elections secretary, Mr. Lowrey A. Tungovia Sr. will begin his new position with the Cancer Prevention Services on Monday, January 30, 2012. Lowrey has been a great asset to the Elections office through his skills and his energy that he provided to our program and projects.

Starting out as a Poll worker for one of the Hopi Tribal elections, sparked an interest in the world of elections for Lowrey. He applied for the secretary position in the middle of an election year and was overwhelmed with the inside view of what is all processed prior to election day.

One of the projects he worked on was to help develop our Voter Education Project. He worked on gathering a collection of photos of our past to present Chairman and Vice Chairmans of the Hopi Tribe. To the last day of working with the Hopi Elections office he was still following the progress of the printing of the photos, which he had so diligently searched for. I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for all the hard work which you, Mr. Tungovia have provided. I would ask of the programs, that you give your support to him as he joins a new team of co-workers to expand his experience at this new job site. Asquali!

Registration will has begun for the 2013 Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman's Election if you know of anyone who needs to update, change or who will be a new voter, contact our office or come by and register. You can reach me at 928-734-2507, 928-734-1257 fax number, or email kshupla@hopi.nsn.us or hopielections@hopitelecom.net. I will be scheduling meeting dates with the villages and communities to provide voter updates. Please inform your family members who live off the reservation. Our office has sent out our first set of mailings and have received almost half of them back as address changed, non deliverable or no forwarding address. I encourage each voter to become pro-active and provide us your new information.

In Search of new Board members - The Hopi Election Board is searching for interested individuals to join their team. There are two vacant positions on the regular board and three alternate positions that need to be filled. A letter of interest and a resume is needed, you can submit your letter to the Office of the Hopi Tribal Secretary, for more information you may contact 1-928-734-3133.

For more information from the Hopi Elections Office you may call our office 1-928-734-2507.

Hopi Election Board Members: Marcelena Lomayaktewa, Chairman; George Nasafotie Jr., Alfonso Sakeva Sr., Board members.
Announcements

Men’s Health Cancer Education

HOPI Cancer Support Services Conference Room
(Across from the Hopi Tribal Offices)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
12:00pm - 1:00pm

&

Thursday, February 23, 2012
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Topics include: Prostate Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, and Tobacco Education/Cessation

(Namitunatyā “Take Care of Yourself”
Post Office Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039
Phone: (928) 734-1151
Fax: (928) 734-1158

(Free Lunch Will be Served)

Foster Families Needed

“Let’s put our minds together and see what kind of Life we can build for our Children”

-Sitting Bull

Hopi families involve immediate, extended and clan relatives/families. For generations, we have cared for one another’s children and helped out in times of need. Let’s continue our tradition and open our homes to children in need.

Become a Foster Family, You
✓ Provide positive nurturing care
✓ Keep our tradition alive
✓ Maintain our culture and religion
✓ Allow time for families to heal
✓ Receive monthly foster care maintenance payments

Hopi Guidance Center
Foster Care Program
(928) 737-2685

Kwa’kway! ‘Askawali Gunda’al Thank You!

President’s Day
February 20, 2012

Thank you to all the departments who submitted their updates and stories. The next deadline for submission is on February 27, 2012. You may email submissions to LDyer@hopi.nsn.us.

We’re on the Web:
www.hopi-nsn.gov

“There comes a moment when you have to stop revving up the car and shove it into gear.” - David Mahoney