BEN COWBOY RECEIVES JOE GUILLEN AWARD FROM STATE OF NEW MEXICO

On Friday, October 26, 2018, Mr. Ben Cowboy, Construction Supervisor, CPMD, was awarded the Joe Guillen Award from the New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference organization. The conference is held annually and brings together New Mexico State departments, local governments, New Mexico tribes, and local businesses.

Did you know the mine where a piece of turquoise was found—not its color, nor its matrix, which refers to the veins and patterns of the stone—is the primary factor in determining its value. In the 20th century, the copper-rich American Southwest supplanted Iran as the primary source of rare, and valuable, specimens, including collector favorites such as Bisbee, Lander Blue, and Number 8 (Black Web).
The conference committee noted:

**Joe Guillen Award**

The New Mexico Outstanding Community Development Service Award was named in 1999 to honor the career achievements of then Deputy Director of the Local Government Division, Joe Guillen. For 27 years, Mr. Guillen worked tirelessly on behalf of municipalities, counties, and special districts statewide to assist with infrastructure planning and to provide technical assistance to elected and appointed officials. This award is presented to an individual whose work has been dedicated to the service of New Mexico communities, and whose efforts have provided for the long-term health and sustainability of the community.

**2018 Award Recipient**

The Navajo Nation is the largest Indian Nation that spans throughout three states (New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah), and there are over 356,890 members that live on the Navajo Nation, with 150,000 residing in New Mexico. In the New Mexico region, there are 54 chapter governments that serve the Navajo people. Numerous homes located in rural areas of the Navajo Nation do not have the basic necessities of running water or electricity. Benjamin Cowboy, Project Manager, has taken on the vigorous task of project management to ensure that homes located in the rural areas receive running water or electricity. He provides technical assistance, helped multiple rural communities with project management as well as completing required reports for each project. Mr. Cowboy enjoys working with community members across the Navajo Nation and goes above and beyond with his time and effort to improve the lives of the communities and we are grateful for his work.

The Joe Guillen award honors exemplary work achieved by an individual while working on projects funded by the state of New Mexico. Mr. Cowboy worked on several power line and water line projects for New Mexico Chapters.

Congratulations Mr. Cowboy for a job well done!
November 2018

SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM UPDATES

Red Valley & Hunters Point Roof Repairs

In the month of November, DCD’s Special Projects Team completed two roof repairs, one in Red Valley (top photo) and the other in Hunters Point (bottom photo). Both projects consisted of taking off all of the old shingles and replacing them with new shingles. In Red Valley, the Special Projects Team repaired the roof with shingle rolls and in Hunters Point they repaired the roof with individual shingles. Both projects are completed.
Sawmill Home Update

The home in Sawmill that is going to shelter a family that has been living in tents is coming along as expected. Currently, the Special Projects Team is working on the interior of the home. The work includes installing insulation, hanging drywall, mudding, and taping.
A handicap ramp was recently constructed in Window Rock (top photo). Our Special Projects crew finished this project in one day for a local community member. Another project that was successfully completed was in Red Mesa (bottom photo). In Red Mesa the Special Projects crew mixed concrete and poured the footing and floor.
ALBUQUERQUE—The Office of the President and the Division of Community Development (DCD) hosted the first New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure and Capital Outlay Projects Process and Update Review Summit for 54 New Mexico chapters on Nov. 1-2.

“Economic reports predict that New Mexico could have a $2 billion budget surplus, in part because of oil production in the Four Corners region,” President Begaye said. “This provides an opportunity for all New Mexico chapters. We are working to gain full authority over our natural resources, but in the meantime, we have to be strategic and work with the state’s capital outlay process to obtain funding for infrastructure.”

Each of the 54 Navajo chapters in New Mexico identifies and ranks five infrastructure projects in its Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). State legislatures and the governor review the plans and determine which projects to fund using money from severance tax bonds sales, oil and gas revenues, and geo-bond sales. At any given time, up to three capital outlay projects may receive funding per chapter.

“A few years ago, a lot of Navajo projects were vetoed by New Mexico because they weren’t on the ICIP,” said Arbin Mitchell, an executive staff assistant for the Office of the President. “Santa Fe, we work with them, but at the same time beéso yayooch’ilah. So we have to play their game, and we have to know how to play that game.”

At the summit, DCD Division Director Carl Smith spoke about the importance of his division’s Capital Management Project Department (CPMD) and of the event to navigate infrastructure projects through the capital outlay process.

“This summit is an opportunity to get involved,” Smith said. “That way you know what the staff are doing at your chapter. What does it mean for state funding? What are the restrictions? What
needs to be done to spend this money? This summit is to help you answer those questions, to be ready, to be prepared for your community members, for your elders.”

Mark Freeland, an executive staff assistant for the Office of the President, was assigned for the past several years to work directly with chapters in New Mexico to help ensure that proper paperwork is submitted for land withdrawals, environmental clearances, archeological clearances, right-of-ways, Scope of Works, Notice of Obligations and more.

When a chapter project receives capital outlay funding from the state, the Navajo Nation pays the costs upfront using the general fund. Then the tribe submits a request for payment (RFP) to the state for reimbursement. However, funding could be reverted back to the state if certain requirements are not met, such as the timeline to expend at least 5% of a project’s funding within six months after the money becomes available.

“The Navajo Nation has completed 122 infrastructure projects in the last four years,” Freeland said. “‘Commitment, collaboration and communication for the benefit of our Navajo people,’ That’s the theme of the summit because that’s what we strive for. Everything that we do is for the benefit of our Navajo people. We have an outstanding team doing essential work to move projects forward and to prevent funding reversion.”

In 2015, three capital outlay projects were completed. In 2016, 39 projects were completed. In 2017, 80 projects were completed. These include the Tohajiilee Emergency Medical Services Center, Torreon Senior Citizens Center, Tse’li’Ahi Senior Citizens Center, White Horse Lake Senior Citizens Center, bathroom additions for Lake Valley Chapter, a sewer lagoon for Red Rock Chapter and many more projects.
Newcomb Chapter President David Randolph shared some of his chapter’s success with the capital outlay process to build a parking lot, renovate the senior center, and purchase a backhoe, tractor and five-ton truck to use for community-based needs. The chapter is working on a helipad for medical air transport, a water hauling station, and improvements for a roadway with a boxed culvert.

Naschitti Community Governance is seeking funding for a new warehouse, waterline extensions, and road improvements, according to its Commissioner President Randy Roberts.

At the conference, representatives from Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Department of Justice, Office of the Controller, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Natural Resources, CPMD and OPVP gave presentations.

“This is a shared partnership with OPVP and CPMD in working together to elevate the learning process for all New Mexico chapters to be strategically positioned to receive funding,” said Sherylene Yazzie, department manager for CPMD. “We’re extremely excited because, in a couple of years, we’ve established opportunities to help chapters understand the complicated process, know their needs and teach them planning.”

Yazzie said one of the goals of the department is strengthening government at the local level by giving officials at the chapter the ability to determine what projects are funded, including cellular towers, earthen dams, windmills, solar systems, power lines, renovations for chapter houses and more.

More information about capital outlay projects, including digital copies of the presentations at the summit, can be found online at http://cpmd.nndcd.org/.

STORY: http://bit.ly/2yWI9T1
On October 31, members of the DCD staff dressed up in costumes to celebrate the Halloween spirit. Costumes ranged from simple makeup to amazing, elaborate costumes that were very lifelike. The staff also had a luncheon with sandwiches, chips, and other goodies.

These types of activities bring employees together, foster a sense of community, helps them to relieve stress and have a good time.
ASC Holds Strategic Planning

On November 7th and 8th, the ASC staff participated in a strategic planning session to refocus their department to priority tasks. Mr. Pax Harvey, consultant, provided the facilitation of the planning session and did a great job leading the participants through several exercises meant to brainstorm, focus on priorities, and develop tasks for an action plan.

Mr. Carl Smith gave a welcome address and was also present during the two-day session overseeing and supporting the planning activities along with other staff from DCD. Church Rock Chapter sent some representatives to participate in the activities representing the chapters and to help the ASC formulate a solid plan. ASC staff continue to work on improving the plan by creating detailed steps for each item in the action plan.
14 Fun Facts About Turkeys

Thursday may officially be called Thanksgiving, but you all know what it really is—Turkey Day! But how well do you really know Meleagris gallopavo, the wild turkey from which the domesticated version, the one likely to be on your plate, was derived?

1) Turkeys are more than just big chickens—more than 45 million years of evolution separates the two species.

2) The wild turkey was hunted nearly to extinction by the early 1900s, when the population reached a low of around 30,000 birds. But restoration programs across North America have brought the numbers up to seven million today.

3) There are six subspecies of wild turkey, all native to North America. The pilgrims hunted and ate the eastern wild turkey, M. gallopavo silvestris, which today has a range that covers the eastern half of the United States and extends into Canada. These birds, sometimes called the forest turkey, are the most numerous of all the turkey subspecies, numbering more than five million.

4) The Aztecs domesticated another subspecies, M. gallapavo gallopavo, the south Mexican wild turkey, and the Spanish brought those turkeys to Europe. The pilgrims then brought several of these domestic turkeys back to North America.

5) Male turkeys are called “gobblers,” after the “gobble” call they make to announce themselves to females (which are called “hens”) and compete with other males. Other turkey sounds include “purrs,” “yelps” and “kee-kees.”

6) An adult gobbler weighs 16 to 22 pounds on average, has a beard of modified feathers on his breast that reaches seven inches or more long, and has sharp spurs on his legs for fighting. A hen is smaller, weighing around 8 to 12 pounds, and has no beard or spurs. Both genders have a snood (a dangly appendage on the face), wattle (the red dangly bit under the chin) and only a few feathers on the head.

7) Studies have shown that snood length is associated with male turkey health. In addition, a 1997 study in the Journal of Avian Biology found that female turkeys prefer males with long snoods and that snood length can also be used to predict the winner of a competition between two males.

8) A turkey's gender can be determined from its droppings—males produce spiral-shaped poop and females' poop is shaped like the letter J.

9) Turkeys can run at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour and fly as fast as 55 miles per hour.

10) A group of related male turkeys will band together to court females, though only one member of the group gets to mate.

11) When a hen is ready to make little turkeys, she'll lay about 10 to 12 eggs, one egg per day, over a period of about two weeks. The eggs will incubate for about 28 days before hatching.

12) Baby turkeys, called poult's, eat berries, seeds and insects, while adults have a more varied diet that can include acorns and even small reptiles.

13) There is one other species of turkey, the ocellated turkey (Meleagris ocellata), which can be found on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

14) Benjamin Franklin never proposed the turkey as a symbol for America, but he did once praise it as being “a much more respectable bird” than the bald eagle.

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PRESIDENT BEGAYE BREAKS GROUND ON GAS STATION, CONVENIENCE STORE IN INDIAN WELLS

INDIAN WELLS—President Russell Begaye on Friday helped break ground on a 10-acre shopping center along Navajo Route 6 in Indian Wells.

The groundbreaking ceremony, held on the side of the road and in the shadow of Bidahochi Butte, marked the start of a $4.5 million construction project that began Monday and promises to jumpstart the economy in Indian Wells and the surrounding area. It also marks the end of a long process to withdraw land and secure funding.

According to chapter officials, 25 acres of land near Indian Wells Elementary School was withdrawn in 2005. President Begaye approved $3.7 million in funding this year. Additional dollars came from the Navajo Nation Tourism Department.

The shopping center, which will include a gas station, convenience store and space for retail and small businesses, will be built on 10 acres, leaving 15 acres for future development. The center will be located along a major artery connecting the communities of Dilkon, Teesto, Greasewood Springs, Whitecone and Jeddito to the city of Holbrook and the I-40 corridor.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a funding opportunity. Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages are encouraged to apply for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The deadline to apply is January 7, 2019.

The block grant program provides annual grants on a formula basis to Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Eligible entities include Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments) and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized).

READ MORE AT: http://bit.ly/2RM0au1

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECERTIFIES TWO NEIGHBORING CHAPTERS’ COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLANS

TACHEE/BLUE GAP, Ariz. — On Wednesday, the Resources and Development Committee considered Legislation No. 0320-18 and Legislation No. 0414-17, recertifying Tachee/Blue Gap Chapter and Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan, which has been reevaluated and readjusted to meet the communities needs. Both community plans were approved by the RDC in 2009. Tachee/Blue Gap Chapter and Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter are adjacent to 23-miles west of Chinle, Ariz.

Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code Title 26 section 2004, chapter governments shall reevaluate and readjust their community land use plan every five years to meet the needs of their changing community.

Legislative sponsor, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood), who represents the communities of Tachee/Blue Gap and Tselani/Cottonwood, stated that both chapters’ administration and Community-Based Land Use Plan committees have worked diligently to reevaluate the community plans to reflect each community's goals, concerns, and developments.

"Recertifying the community plans would improve governance and development at the local level. Both chapters have exceptional community plans and recertification would help the chapters seek their own funding and create their own opportunities," said Delegate Begay.


IN ONE UTAH COUNTY, REDRAWING VOTING MAPS LED TO THE HISTORIC SHIFT FOR NAVAJO LAWMAKERS

A historic shift took place in San Juan County, Utah, on Tuesday, when more than 100 years of control by white conservatives on the county commission came to an end.

For the first time, voters elected two Native Americans to the three-seat commission, an outcome some in the region anticipated after court-mandated commission redistricting in 2017. Last year, a federal court ordered that gerrymandered districts that favored largely white, Republican communities be redrawn.

READ MORE AT: https://to.pbs.org/2BzW6bc
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Office Specialist (S) | Shiprock, NM | 25,355.20 | 12/03/2018

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American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: November 2018

PROFILE AMERICA FACTS FOR FEATURES: CB18-FF.09

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The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, rode horseback from state to state to get endorsements from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994, and we now refer to this celebration as “American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.” This Facts for Features presents statistics for American Indians and Alaska Natives, as this is one of the six major race categories defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

The following facts are made possible by the invaluable responses to the U.S. Census Bureau’s surveys. We appreciate the public’s cooperation as we continuously measure America’s people, places and economy.

Did You Know?

6.8 million

The nation’s American Indian and Alaska Native population, including those of more than one race.

Source: Vintage 2017 Population Estimates
10.0 million

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native population, including those of more than one race, on July 1, 2060. They would constitute 2.5 percent of the total population.

Source: 2017 National Population Projections, Tables 4 and 5

141,494

The estimated number of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native civilian veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2017.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

326

The number of distinct federally recognized American Indian reservations in 2016, including federal reservations and off-reservation trust land.

Source: 2017 U.S. Gazetteer Files

573

The number of federally recognized Indian tribes in 2018.

Source: Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2018

29,089

The estimated number of American Indian and Alaska Native-owned employer firms in 2016.

Source: 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs

READ MORE AT: https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2018/veterans-day.html
American Indian and Alaska Native Populations Growing
2010 and 2017 Population by Fastest Growth Between 2010 and 2017

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Note: Populations include persons of this race alone or in combination with one or more other races.

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