Etta Mae Morgan, Nahodishgish Chapter President, expressed her thanks for the re-opening of the Pre-School in an email sent to Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice-President Jonathan Nez, and several DCD employees including: Executive Director, Carl Smith; Administrative Services Center Program Manager, Johnny Johnson; and Ed Preston, Registered Architect, CPMD. She wrote, "Thank you and your staff so very much for your contribution to re-opening the Nahodishgish Pre-School. Thank you Mr. Ed Preston, Navajo Nation President and Vice-President and all those that helped! Today (Tuesday, November 14, 2017) the Pre-School is having an "Open House" and we are
most grateful. Our prayers have been answered and this is just a beginning."

The building had been closed due to the deteriorating condition it was in. Through hard work and cooperation with other departments, the CPMD project management staff completed the renovation. The project received $50,000 respectively, from the Navajo Nation general funds, the Nahodishgish Chapter, and the Navajo Nation Headstart Department, for a total of $150,000. The lead people for the project were: Elmer Johnson, CPMD Project Manager; Jonathan Tso, Navajo Nation Headstart Department; and Clarita Etsitty, Nahodishgish Chapter Community Services Coordinator.

With the building now re-opened, the Pre-School has resumed offering the much-needed early education for children in two communities, Standing Rock and Nahodishgish. Congratulations to Nahodishgish Chapter for the improvements to their building.
The DCD staff had a Halloween costume contest and a dinner on October 31. The staff showed great imagination in their costumes which came from a wide range of sources including zombie outbreaks, movies, fictional and real characters, etc.

There was also a Halloween potluck dinner and some games that were set up with a halloween theme. The staff greatly enjoyed the festivities and the food. On the business end, activities like these contribute greatly to teamwork in the workplace and staff morale.
On Friday, November 3, 2017, Ramah Chapter held a dedication ceremony for their new pumper unit. The pumper unit will be used by the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority (RNUA) for septic tank cleaning for the community. RNUA is the water company for the Ramah community.

The DCD Capital Projects Management Department helped purchase the unit for the Ramah community, chapter and the RNUA. The project manager for this project was Elmer Johnson.

The pumper unit cost $76,654 and the funding came from the New Mexico Capital Outlay ($60,000), the Ramah Chapter ($4,654) and RNUA ($12,000).
The DCD Team led by Mr. Carl Smith, Executive Director, has been working on a home construction in the community of Mexican Springs. This is a whole house construction beginning with the foundation all the way to the finishing touches. The team has currently been able to finish constructing the frame of the house, installing the exterior sheathing, and the roof. This completes the construction of the exterior shell of the house. The team wanted to finish the exterior before the winter snow came.

The team now only needs additional funding for materials to begin working on the interior, which includes installation of plumbing,
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electrical wiring, insulation, and sheetrock. The quality of the construction is looking great due to the skillful work of the DCD Team.

President Russell Begaye has been out to the site on several occasions to check on the progress of the project and to encourage the workers to keep doing a good job.
Recently, St. Michaels Chapter received a donation for a community Thanksgiving dinner from the Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC). NTEC is a wholly owned company of the Navajo Nation that was authorized by the Navajo Nation to purchase and operate Navajo Mine in 2013. Clark Moseley, is the Chief Executive Officer of the company.

Donna Whitehair, St. Michaels Community Services Coordinator, stated, "I would like to say thank you to NTEC CEO, Mr. Clark Moseley & staff for assisting our chapter with the kind donations of a Thanksgiving dinner for our community. I was greeted by NTEC staff Melissa Kelly, Community Affairs Coordinator, and Nathan Tohtsoni, Education Coordinator at Bashas, Window Rock today. A cartful of donations included 4 turkeys, 8 boxes of stuffing, a large bag of potatoes & large bag of flour. We are so grateful for this donation again."

The dinner will benefit members of the St. Michaels community.
NAU GETS $100,000 TO HELP NAVAJO NATION SHIFT AWAY FROM COAL

Northern Arizona University is part of a team that received $100,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce to help the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe diversify their economic bases in the face of the closure of the coal-fired Navajo Generating Station and the nearby Kayenta Coal Mine.

A memorandum of agreement was recently signed by the Navajo Nation, Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University to support a diversification away from the current heavy reliance on coal royalties and jobs. The grant will enable teams with both universities to work with affected tribal communities on economic development, renewable energy initiatives and expanded rural electrification.


PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS AGREEMENT ADDING 37,716 ACRES ALONG NEW MEXICO BORDER

On Monday, Nov. 6, President Russell Begaye signed a land exchange agreement that effectively consolidates over 37,700 acres of land along the Nation’s border with New Mexico.


RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RE-CERTIFIES PINON CHAPTER’S COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLANS

On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, the Resources and Development Committee approved Legislation No. 0402-17, recertifying Pinon Chapter’s Community-Based Land Use Plan, which re-evaluated and adjusted the chapter’s first community plan.
Facts for Features: American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: November 2017

October 06, 2017

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.

Population

6.7 million
The nation’s American Indian and Alaska Native population, including those of more than one race. They made up about 2.0 percent of the total population in 2016.

10.2 million
The projected American Indian and Alaska Native population, alone or in combination, on July 1, 2060. They would constitute 2.4 percent of the total population.

592,753
The American Indian and Alaska Native population, alone or in combination, age 65 and over, on July 1, 2016.

21
The number of states with 100,000 or more American Indian and Alaska Native residents, alone or in combination, in 2016. These states were Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Children Under 18 Living With One Parent

- 12-17 years old
- 6-11 years old
- 0-5 years old

Mother only:
- 35.6%
- 35.2%
- 29.2%

Father only:
- 43.1%
- 30.7%
- 26.3%

Note: Due to rounding, not all percentages add up to 100 percent.

Percentage of Veterans Among the Adult Population

Source: 2016 American Community Survey
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs
DCD OPEN POSITIONS

Chapter Community Services Coordinator:
Rough Rock, AZ
Becenti, NM
Manuelito, NM
Wide Ruins, AZ

Chapter Accounts Maintenance Specialists:
Tsaile, AZ
Alamo, NM
Iyanbito, NM
Standing Rock, NM
Pinedale, NM
Tsayatoh, NM
Tohatchi, AZ
Jeddito, AZ
Wide Ruins, AZ
Crystal, NM
Kaibeto, AZ
Navajo Mountain, AZ

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM’s website at http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/jobs.html
Greetings Earth users!
7/10/2017

We are happy to announce a new version of the Google Earth Pro software for Windows, Mac and Linux desktop OSes, version 7.3.0.3830, is now available at the Google Earth website. https://www.google.com/earth/download/gep/agree.html

Beginning with this version, Google Earth "Free" and Earth Pro have been combined into a single product, Earth Pro. Available free of charge since 2015, Earth Pro contains all features found in Earth "Free" and adds features geared towards enthusiasts and GIS professionals: advanced data import capabilities, more sophisticated measurement tools, higher-resolution printing, movie creation, and much more.

Here are a few more highlights of this release:

New Qt application framework, which enables many of the features below.

- Overhauled networking stack with the latest security updates and encryption support.
- Support for ultra-high-resolution displays.
- Multimedia backend that supports audio recording, playback, and video creation on all platforms.
- A Repair Tool utility that simplifies troubleshooting tasks such as clearing the Earth data cache and resetting preferences.
- More details can be found in the Release Notes. https://support.google.com/earth/answer/40901

Updated system requirements: please note the earliest OS versions supported by Earth 7.3.0 are Windows 7 and Mac OS 10.8. Earth 7.1.8 will continue to be available for those who are unable to upgrade to newer OSes.

In the weeks to come, Earth "Free" users will be automatically upgraded to Earth Pro. We encourage Earth users not requiring any Pro features to check out the new Google Earth for web browsers.

We welcome your questions and feedback via the Google Maps Product Forums. As always, thanks for using Google Earth!

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Viet-Tam Luu
Google Earth Developer
What’s New In Google Earth 7.3.0

• Earth "Free" and Pro have now been combined into a single product, Earth Pro.
• Windows: Windows 7 is earliest version supported.
• Windows: new installs default to OpenGL mode.
• Mac: Mac OS 10.8 is earliest version supported.
• Mac: application is now 64-bit.
• Mac: antialiasing option is now available.
• High-resolution ("high-DPI", "Retina") display support.
• New Repair Tool to reset cache data, settings, and fix application startup issues.
• Updated Movie Maker tool with new video formats.
• Improved image saving, printing and movie making performance.
• Web Inspector tool available for KML balloons.
• HTML5 videos such as YouTube embeds work in placemark balloons.
• Updated and improved internal Web browser and security.
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