

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

Newsletter

This is the April 2017 issue of the DCD newsletter. The newsletter is meant to be a resource for DCD employees to stay informed on DCD events, issues, and resources.

Did You Know...

That Navajo textiles shifted from blankets that could be worn to rugs based on the popularity of Oriental rugs in the 1890's. Early Indian Traders encouraged Navajos to weave their own version of Oriental rugs. The traders started selling them and were so successful that ultimately, all the Navajo weavers began making rugs for non-Indian homes.

www.arizonahighways.com/blog/qa-something-you-might-not-know-about-navajo-blankets

Upcoming Events

April 17-21: Navajo Nation Council Spring Session

April 22: Earth Day

April 18: Tax Day

April 24: HOLIDAY - Navajo Nation Sovereignty Day



CDBG Scores a Clean HUD Program Review

On Thursday, April 13, DCD staff from CHID, CDBG, and DCD Admin met with representatives from HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) and NNOMB, NNOOC, NTUA and IHS, for an exit conference. The three HUD officials (David Southerland, Deputy Administrator; Don Sam, Grants Evaluation Specialist; and Ann Gonzales, Grants Evaluation

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Specialist) came from the Phoenix and Albuquerque offices and had been on the Navajo Nation since Monday, April 10, doing an assessment on the CDBG Program.

The HUD team met with the Navajo Nation team, including OPVP, on Monday the 10th for an entrance conference. On Tuesday, the HUD team met with CDBG and OMB staff to review documentation for financial, environmental, Indian preference, and other compliances that CDBG needed to ensure they were following.

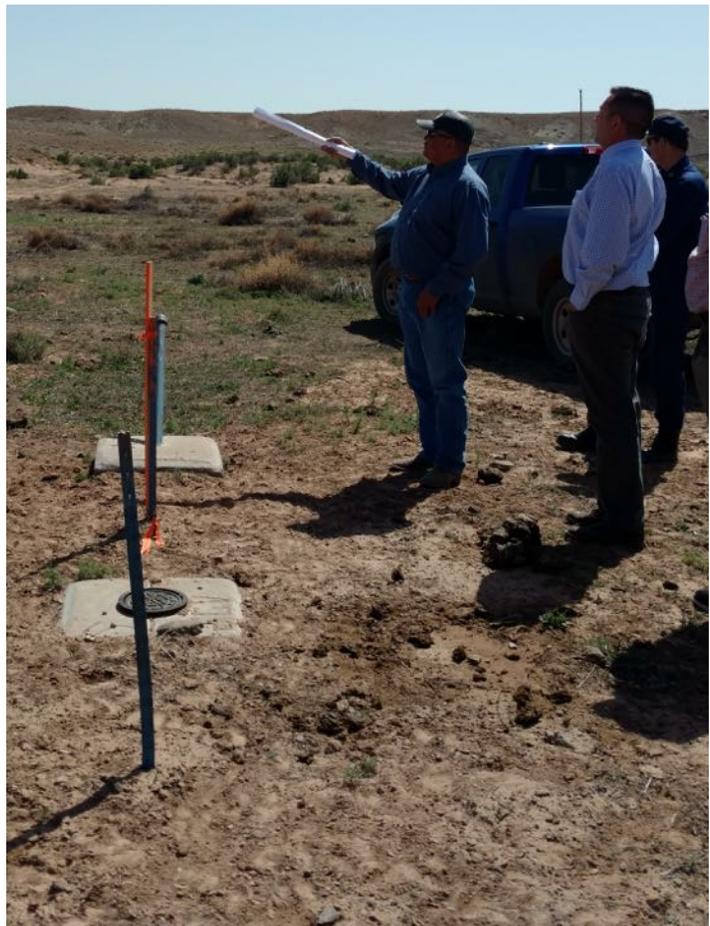
On the following day, the group performed site visits for the Chinle powerline and Many Farms waterline projects. Ms. Gonzales from the Albuquerque HUD office exclaimed, "I'm glad we got a chance to do the site visits. It really lets



you see how much need there is out there." The HUD team also encountered another reality that Navajo Nation residents face on a daily basis, driving on dirt roads. One of the vehicles got a flat tire.

At the end of the 4 days, the HUD team concluded that they did not find any issues with CDBG's performance and record-keeping, resulting in a clean review. The last time the CDBG program had a program review was in 2010, where the reviewers found a few issues. However, the CDBG program quickly addressed these issues. It is apparent that since that time, the staff have made it a point to master management of their program.

The significance of the review results should not be understated since this is a





major achievement. Congratulations go out to the CDBG staff for doing a great job and running such an effective and competent operation!

The CDBG Program is run very consistently and the staff are knowledgeable and competent. Mr. James Adakai, CDBG Program & Projects Specialist, reflected that most federal programs follow the same process that CDBG follows, including NHA, but many have negative reviews.

The tried and true operational approach that the CDBG program uses could be a model that the Navajo Nation incorporates into other similar programs to improve their effectiveness and efficiency.

DCD TRASH CLEANUP ACTIVITIES ALONG N-12



On Tuesday, April 18, the Division of Community Development departments went out to Ft. Defiance for the annual trash clean-up activities along Navajo Route 12, from the turn-off to the hospital for a stretch of about 2-3 miles to the north. DCD staff makes it a point of pride to participate in the annual trash clean-up activities, which coincide with Earth Day activities.



CDBG Program Completes Waterline Project



The CDBG Program recently completed the Ramah Water Line Project which will serve 29 homes. The amount of the project was \$1,267,000 and was completed in June 2016. The CDBG Program has been steadily pushing out these water line and power line projects over the years and when driving through the Navajo Nation at night, there are signs that power lines are reaching more and more people. Places that were completely dark at night, now have points of light where the security lights are now shining.



The Pagan Roots of Easter

by Heather McDougall

The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2010/apr/03/easter-pagan-symbolism>)



Hot cross buns: pagan symbols? Photograph: Alamy

Easter is a pagan festival. If Easter isn't really about Jesus, then what is it about? Today, we see a secular culture celebrating the spring equinox, whilst religious culture celebrates the resurrection. However, early Christianity made a pragmatic acceptance of ancient pagan practises, most of which we enjoy today at Easter. The general symbolic story of the death of the son (sun) on a cross (the constellation of the Southern Cross) and his rebirth, overcoming the powers of darkness, was a well worn story in the ancient world. There were plenty of parallel, rival resurrected saviours too.

The Sumerian goddess Inanna, or Ishtar, was hung naked on a stake, and was subsequently resurrected and ascended from the underworld. One of the oldest resurrection myths is Egyptian Horus. Born on 25 December, Horus and his damaged eye became symbols of life and rebirth. Mithras was born on what we now call Christmas day, and his followers celebrated the spring equinox. Even as late as the 4th century AD, the sol invictus, associated with Mithras, was the last great pagan cult the church had to

overcome. Dionysus was a divine child, resurrected by his grandmother. Dionysus also brought his mum, Semele, back to life.

From Ishtar to Eostre, the roots of the resurrection story go deep. We should embrace the pagan symbolism of Easter

In an ironic twist, the Cybele cult flourished on today's Vatican Hill. Cybele's lover Attis, was born of a virgin, died and was reborn annually. This spring festival began as a day of blood on Black Friday, rising to a crescendo after three days, in rejoicing over the resurrection. There was violent conflict on Vatican Hill in the early days of Christianity between the Jesus worshippers and pagans who quarrelled over whose God was the true, and whose the imitation. What is interesting to note here is that in the ancient world, wherever you had popular resurrected god myths, Christianity found lots of converts. So, eventually Christianity came to an accommodation with the pagan Spring festival. Although we see no celebration of Easter in the New Testament, early church fathers celebrated it, and today many churches are offering "sunrise services" at Easter - an obvious pagan solar celebration. The date of Easter is not fixed, but instead is governed by the phases of the moon - how pagan is that?

All the fun things about Easter are pagan. Bunnies are a leftover from the pagan festival of Eostre, a great northern goddess whose symbol was a rabbit or hare. Exchange of eggs is an ancient custom, celebrated by many cultures. Hot cross buns are very ancient too. In the Old Testament we see the Israelites baking sweet buns for an idol, and religious leaders trying to put a stop to it. The early church clergy also tried to put a stop to sacred cakes being baked at Easter. In the end, in the face of defiant cake-baking pagan women, they gave up and blessed the cake instead.

Easter is essentially a pagan festival which is celebrated with cards, gifts and novelty Easter products, because it's fun and the ancient symbolism still works. It's always struck me that the power of nature and the longer days are often most felt in modern towns and cities, where we set off to work without putting on our car headlights and when our alarm clock goes off in the mornings, the streetlights outside are not still on because of the darkness.

What better way to celebrate, than to bite the head off the bunny goddess, go to a "sunrise service", get yourself a sticky-footed fluffy chick and stick it on your TV, whilst helping yourself to a hefty slice of pagan simnel cake? Happy Easter everyone!

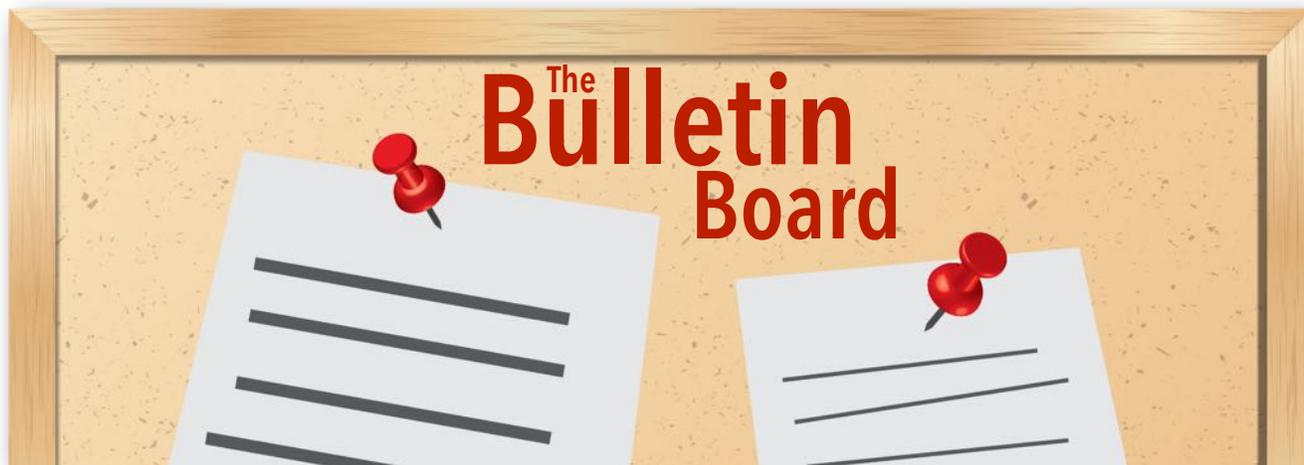
CHICHILTAH CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT



The CPMD department recently completed the renovation of the Chichiltah Chapter House. The project included the interior and exterior renovation of the building; interior improvements of ADA entry to offices and the conference/assembly area; new finishes applied to the floors, walls, and ceilings; and expansion of the existing kitchen. Exterior improvements included ADA sidewalks and handrails.

Mr. Andy Thomas was the Project Manager from CPMD. The architect was Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture (IDS+A) from Albuquerque, NM. They were responsible for the design, construction documents, and construction administration. The design and construction administration phase went from June 2015 to December 2016. The general contractor was LAM Corporation from Gallup, NM. The construction activities started in August 2016 and were completed in January 2017.





DCD PROVIDES ORIENTATION TO CHAPTERS

On Monday, April 17 at Red Rock Chapter and April 19, 2017 in Chinle, representatives from the DCD Departments gave presentations to the incoming Chapter Officials on the various programs that DCD oversees and on various policies and procedures. The sessions were also recorded by the Office of Broadcast Services and the resulting videos will be uploaded to the Internet and made available for any official or chapter staff to view later at their leisure. Thanks to everyone that helped make this a success!

“DINÉ NATION” LEGISLATION FAILS TO PASS

On the second day of the 2017 Spring Council Session, Legislation No. 0395-16 failed to get enough votes from the Navajo Nation Council to pass. The bill sought to amend Title II of the Navajo Nation Code for the purpose of changing the designated name of the Navajo Nation to “Diné Nation.”

Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

Census Bureau Training Opportunities

Webinars are available on a regular basis to help the public access and use Census Bureau statistics. These free sessions, lasting 60 to 90 minutes, show how to use census databases and mapping tools and how to find demographic and economic statistics at a local or national level. They also provide quick links for answers to frequently asked questions about accessing statistics.

The following courses are offered:

Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition (Tuesday, April 18, 12-1 p.m., EDT)

Veterans by the Numbers (Tuesday, April 18, 1-2:30 p.m., EDT)

Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition (Tuesday, April 18, 2-3 p.m., EDT)

Statistics for Reporters: Find the Stories that Matter and Get Them Right (Tuesday, April 18, 2-3 p.m., EDT)

Statistics in Schools: Resources for Teaching and Learning (Wednesday, April 19, 10-11 a.m., EDT)

Hispanics by the Numbers (Wednesday, April 19, 1-2:30 p.m., EDT)

Using American Community Survey Estimates and Margins of Error (Wednesday, April 19, 2-3 p.m., EDT)

Creating Custom Tables and Colorful Maps Using American FactFinder (Thursday, April 20, 12-1 p.m., EDT)

Creating Custom Tables and Colorful Maps Using American FactFinder (Thursday, April 20, 2-3 p.m., EDT)

Quick Data Tools (Thursday, April 20, 2-3:30 p.m., EDT)

What's With the Pop Clock? — and Other Insights of the Population Estimates Program (Tuesday, April 25, 2-3 p.m., EDT)

Statistics of Schools: Resources for Teaching and Learning (Tuesday, April 25, 5-6 p.m., EDT)

The American Community Survey (ACS) & Your Community by the Numbers (Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., EDT)

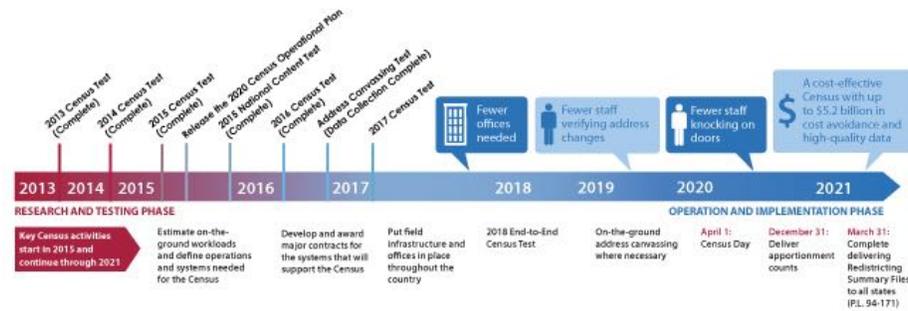
On the Map – Employment Dynamics (Thursday, April 27, 2-4 p.m., EDT)

Descriptions for each of the upcoming sessions are available on the Census [educational resources](#) page. No registration is needed to join a webinar. Login details will be provided one week before a webinar.

Road to the 2020 Census

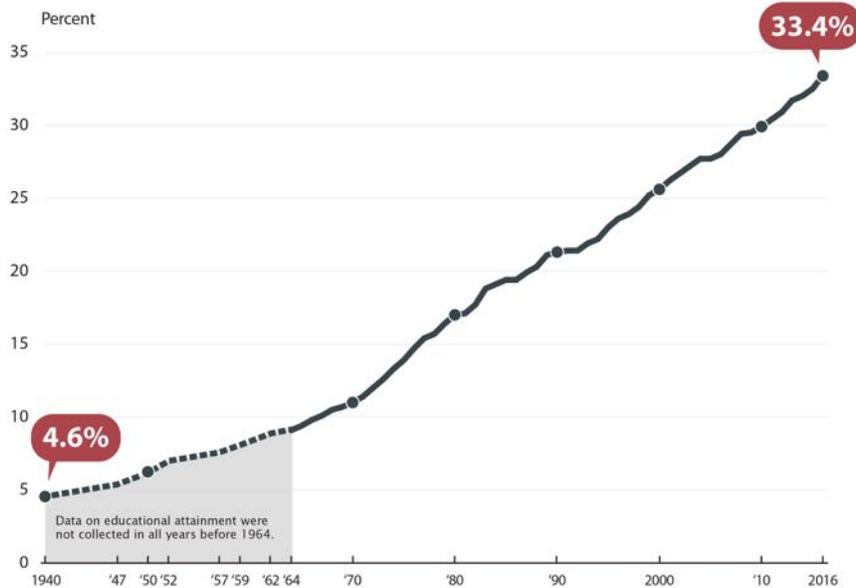
Three Years Until Census Day

2020 Census Lifecycle



Highest Educational Attainment Levels Since 1940

Adults 25 Years and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



PERSONNEL NEWS

DCD OPEN POSITIONS**Chapter Community Services****Coordinators:**

Hardrock, AZ

Klagetoh, AZ

Sawmill, AZ

Coppermine, AZ

Tolani Lake, AZ

Chapter Accounts Maintenance**Specialists:**

Tsaile, AZ

Forest Lake, AZ

Standing Rock, NM

Lake Valley, NM

Iyanbito, NM

Pinedale, NM

Whitehorse Lake, NM

Jeddito, AZ

Tsayatoh, NM

Oak Springs, AZ

Red Valley, AZ

Kaibeto, AZ

Navajo Mountain, AZ

Tolani Lake, AZ

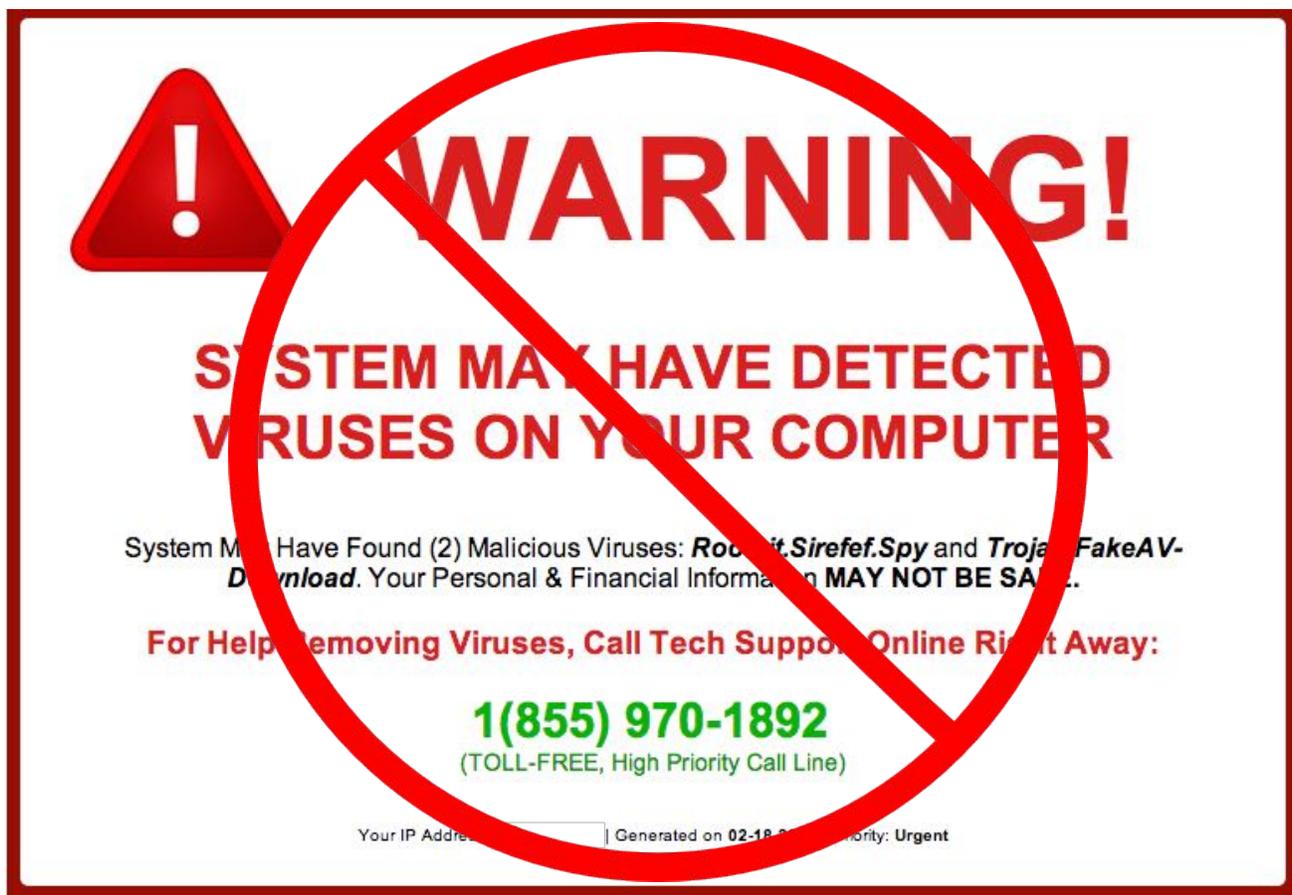
**Welcome to Wilfreda Stewart!**

DCD welcomes Ms. Wilfreda Stewart, the new Senior Office Specialist for the Community Housing and Infrastructure Department. Ms. Stewart previously worked for the Navajo Area Indian Health Service Disease Prevention Program in St. Michaels. Prior to that, she had also worked for about 15 years with the Navajo Nation and in the private sector. Ms. Stewart is originally from the Ft. Defiance area.

Welcome aboard Wilfreda!

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Be Wary of Tech Support Scams!

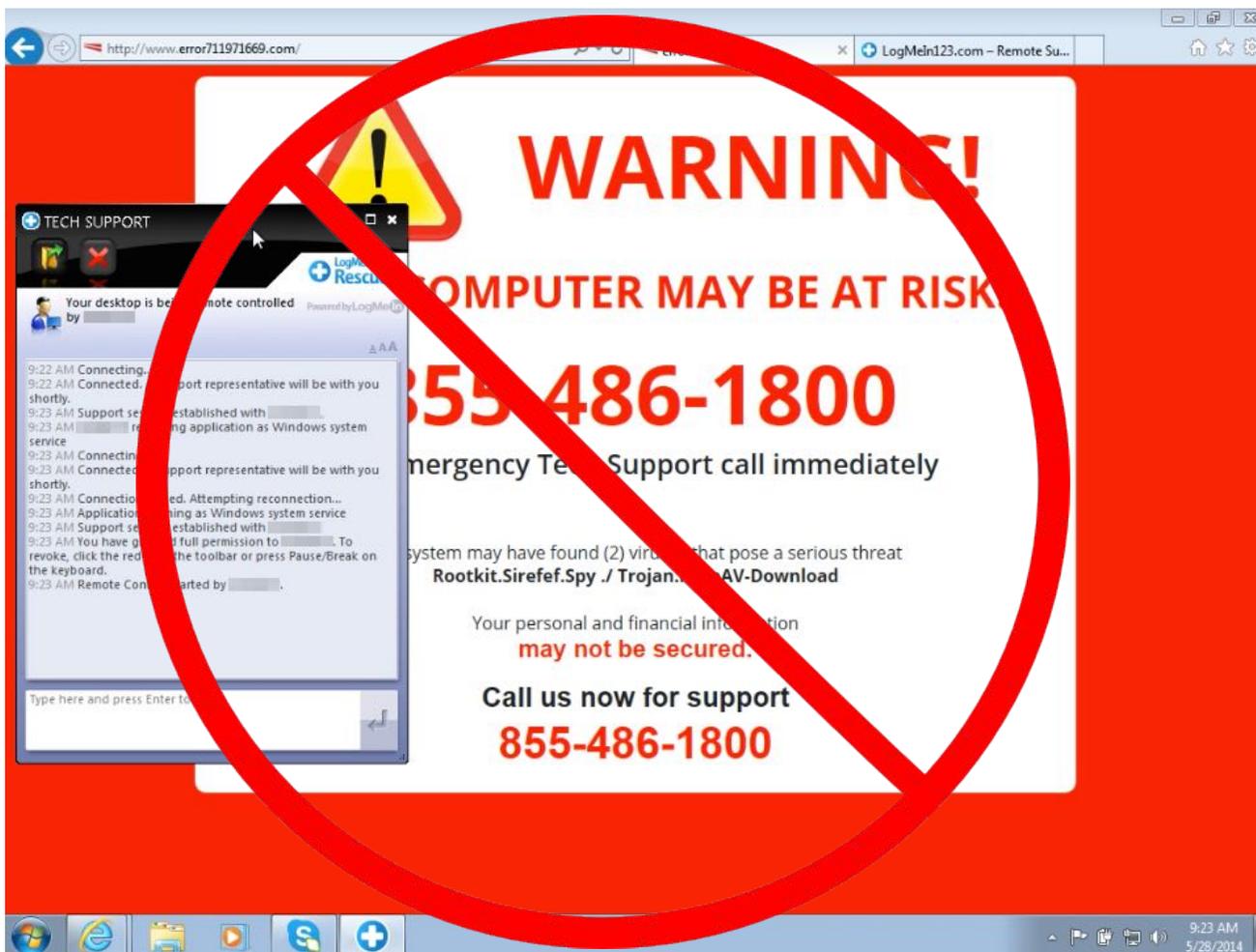


There have been an increasing number of attempts to trick unsuspecting computer users into calling a fake tech support phone number after bringing up a fake warning message about possible malware or viruses such as the examples provided in this article. Here are some guidelines to help you to avoid getting caught by this scam.

If you see one of these warning messages on your computer screen or if someone calls you claiming that they are from a reputable software company and tell you that your computer is infected:

- 1) Do not call the number listed on the message;**
- 2) If you receive a call, do not purchase any software or services from them;**
- 3) Never give control of your computer to a third party unless you can confirm that they are a legitimate company that you are doing business with;**

- 4) Close the fake message windows and if there are additional messages that show up, close those and don't act on any suggestions in the messages;
- 5) Never give out your personal information, financial information, or other types of private information about yourself to these callers;
- 6) Practice safe computing, meaning don't download or click on email attachments from people you don't know, don't download software from unknown companies, and don't visit any questionable websites;
- 7) When in doubt, contact DCD Tech Services staff.



Google Keep

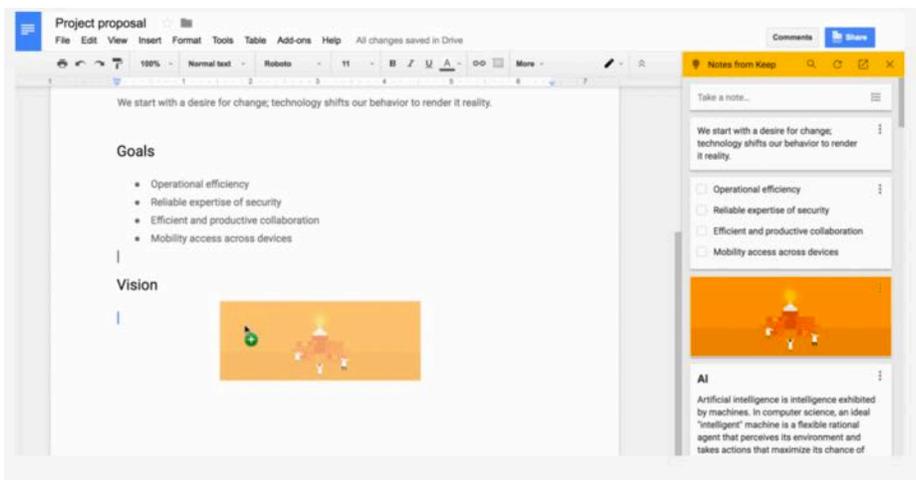
Capture ideas in Google Keep, bring them to life in Google Docs

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PRODUCT MANAGER KEEP

Great ideas can surface in unexpected places. We created Keep to capture your thoughts anytime, anywhere—with smart tools to help you easily organize your notes, ideas and to dos.

Starting today, you can capture your ideas for work: Keep is now a part of G Suite. You can also take your ideas and notes from Keep and easily add them to Docs for easier brainstorming.



Get started by recording your notes, lists and drawings in Keep on Android, iOS, Chrome or the web. While in Docs on the web, access the Keep notepad via the Tools menu. Your Keep notes will appear in a side panel within Docs.

Here are a few ways you can now work better with the integration between Keep and Docs:

- Drag your notes from Keep directly into your work documents
- Easily search your notes in Keep while in Docs to find the information you need to complete your project
- Add a new note in the Keep notepad or select text from inside of your document and easily add it to a new note (just right click and select "Save to Keep notepad"). When you open that note in Keep, we'll include a link back to the source document so you can always refer back to it.
- Use Keep to capture your ideas and thoughts wherever you are, whenever inspiration strikes. And now, quickly turn those thoughts into action – right in Docs.



NEW TOOL MAKES LOW MOUNTAIN BASE POST INSTALLATIONS GO FASTER

By: M. C. Baldwin

Today, we focused on just the base post installation at centerline intersections of N-60 (going by the school) and N-67 (by the Chapter House). Thanks to the purchase of the gas-powered base post hammer by Low Mountain Chapter, we knocked off over 20 base post installation in one day.

Manual pounding of base posts (like we did in Tóhajiilee) results in six to eight base posts per day and with soft ground, about 10 to 12 base posts. If the field crew is able to get started at 8 am and work until 5pm, over 30 base post installations are possible using the \$2,500 gas-powered tool and as long as gas and oil is available. Thanks to the assistance of Vicki and Ashley (Chapter staff), who made the base post installation activities possible. This project will continue next week with the continued installation of all intersection signs.

Sanostee already has about ten signs installed, but they are doing it manually. They do not have a gas-powered hammer like Low Mountain does. Mr. Wilbert Morgan has been selected to be the lead technician for this project with Low Mountain and Sanostee. After the completion of the road/street sign installations, the physical address centerline configuration will begin.

Local Governance Certified Chapters

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Nahata Dziil	Ft. Defiance	8/16/02		1 Newcomb	Northern	6/18/04
2 Steamboat	Ft. Defiance	5/30/03		2 San Juan	Northern	3/7/07
3 Cornfields	Ft. Defiance	7/14/10		3 Tse'Daa'Kaan	Northern	6/21/07
4 Naschitti	Ft. Defiance	11/22/10		4 Sheepsprings	Northern	8/24/07
5 Lupton	Ft. Defiance	11/24/10		5 Tolikan	Northern	11/29/10
6 Dilkon	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		6 Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	Northern	1/10/11
7 Greasewood Springs	Ft. Defiance	12/21/10		7 Burnham	Northern	7/11/11
8 Kinlichee	Ft. Defiance	12/29/10		8 Beclabito	Northern	1/10/12
9 Teesto	Ft. Defiance	7/11/11		9 Mexican Water	Northern	2/7/12
10 Ganado	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		10 Upper Fruitland	Northern	2/28/12
11 Houck	Ft. Defiance	12/2/14		11 Aneth	Northern	3/31/15
12 Ft. Defiance	Ft. Defiance	1/15/16		12 Cove	Northern	4/5/15
TOTAL: 12				TOTAL: 12		

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date		Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Shonto	Western	9/22/99		1 Chinle	Chinle	12/21/10
2 Tuba City	Western	12/27/04		2 Pinon	Chinle	2/21/12
3 Kayenta	Western	8/6/10		3 Whippoorwill Springs	Chinle	12/2/14
4 Bodaway/Gap	Western	12/21/10		4 Nazlini	Chinle	2/17/15
5 Birdsprings	Western	7/11/11		TOTAL: 4		
6 Chilchinbeto	Western	7/11/11				
7 Leupp	Western	7/11/11				
8 LeChee	Western	1/31/12				
9 Dennehotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalca	Western	12/2/14				
11 Ts'ah Bii' Kin	Western	6/24/16				
TOTAL 11						

Chapter	Agency	LGA Cert. Date
1 Littlewater	Eastern	11/15/07
2 Baahaali	Eastern	12/24/08
3 Whiterock	Eastern	12/21/10
4 Ojo Encino	Eastern	3/6/12
5 Baca/Prewitt	Eastern	12/22/14
6 Casamero Lake	Eastern	4/15/15
TOTAL: 6		

TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45

