

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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Did You Know...

The Navajo Name for August is Bini'ant'áástsozí or Ripening of Earlier Crops.

The Navajo Name for September is Bini'ant'áástsoh or Ripening of Late Crops.

Upcoming Events

September 4: Labor Day

September 4-10: Navajo Nation Fair - Window Rock, AZ

September 7-17: New Mexico State Fair - Albuquerque, NM

September 13: Local Rural Addressing Committee (LRAC) Training

September 21-24: Southwest Navajo Nation Fair - Dilkon, AZ



Summer Youth Employment Projects

by Gadii'ahi/To'koi Chapter

Chapter House Mural Painting

The Gadii'ahi/To'koi Chapter Summer Youth Employees First Session were given the task of painting a mural on the Chapter House. During the interviews, I noticed more and more students applying for work were interested or had a background in art, so I wanted to capitalize on that and the mural was a perfect project.

The completed project was amazing and beautiful. Many individuals came into the chapter asking who designed the mural and who helped the kids. When told the kids designed it, requested the materials and painted it themselves, most people were shocked and could not

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believe the youth had the ability to create something this big and beautiful on their own.

A belief and teaching I want these Youth Employees to learn is, they have a voice. They can do anything they set their mind to, and when given the opportunity, they will shine.



Chapter Veteran Memorial

The First and Second Session Summer Youth Employees were given the task of creating a Veteran Memorial. This came after several community members stated that they admired the work done on the Big Mural Painting.

Again, the Summer Youth Students designed and painted the Veterans Memorial. Since the Memorial was finished, individuals have been coming into the chapter asking which artist painted the wall. Again, when told it was done completely by the students, they are shocked.



The students spent more time and effort on the Veterans Memorial. They understand the sacrifice veterans made and wanted to show them the most respect.

Sheep Butchering

The Summer Youth participated in a Sheep Butchering. The Butchering took place one week after the students attended Food Handlers Training and all passed the course and received



their cards. The Youth were taught how to butcher by Gadii'ahi/To'koi Chapter President, Mr. Harry Descheene, and former Miss Northern Navajo Tanya Lister.

We were privileged enough to have our Council Delegate; Honorable Amber Crotty attend



and help out as well.

The Summer Youth Employees fully-participated in the butchering, cleaning, prepping and cooking the sheep. The students made achii', ribs, roast mutton, stew, etc. and made frybread. They served the food at the community feast all afternoon and made dinner for the Chapter Meeting that night.

When asked what they thought of the experience, the Youth informed me they had a good time, and felt learning how to butcher was an important part of their lives as Navajo Youth. The Officials and Community Members continue to be surprised at all the Youth are capable of, and have taken big steps to ensure that the Youth in our community continue to have a voice and continue to participate.



Black Mesa Headstart Ready For Students



After many years in development, the Black Mesa Head Start building has finally been completed and is now ready for use by staff and students. The beautiful new center is approximately 4,100 square feet in area and cost approximately \$1.5 Million to complete. The project has essentially been completed, but one of the last items left is the furniture which should be coming in soon. The Head Start department also still needs to hire staff to occupy the building. Once they are hired, they will begin taking in students.





The Capital Projects Management Department oversaw the project with Mr. Andy Thomas as the project manager. Previously, Mr. Harrison Martin oversaw the project until he retired. Both gentlemen were present during the Chapter dedication and were bestowed with much praise and appreciation from the community members and officials that were present.



CHINLE PROJECT RECEIVES MUCH APPRECIATION

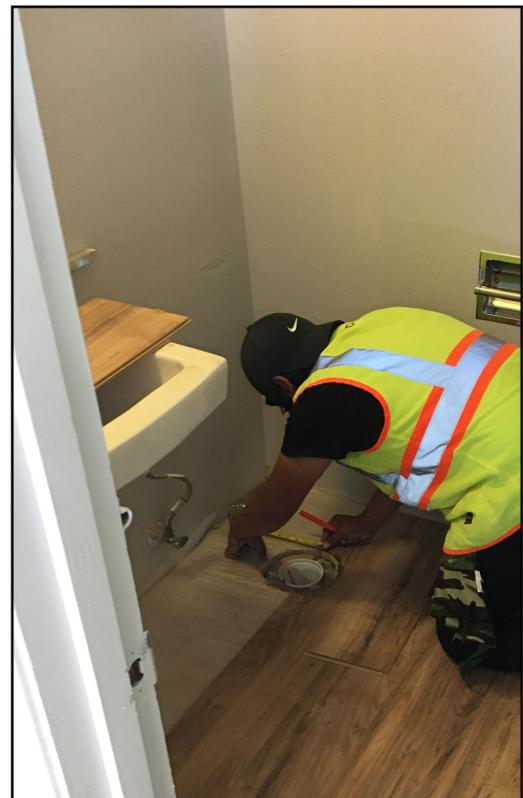


During the week of August 15, 2017, the DCD Special Projects Team led by DCD Executive Director, Carl Smith, worked on a house for an elderly lady in Chinle, AZ. The team spent the week repairing the home, including the interior walls, installing wooden flooring, and repairing and repainting the exterior walls and trim. The team was joined by Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Michele Crank from the Office of the President/Vice-President.

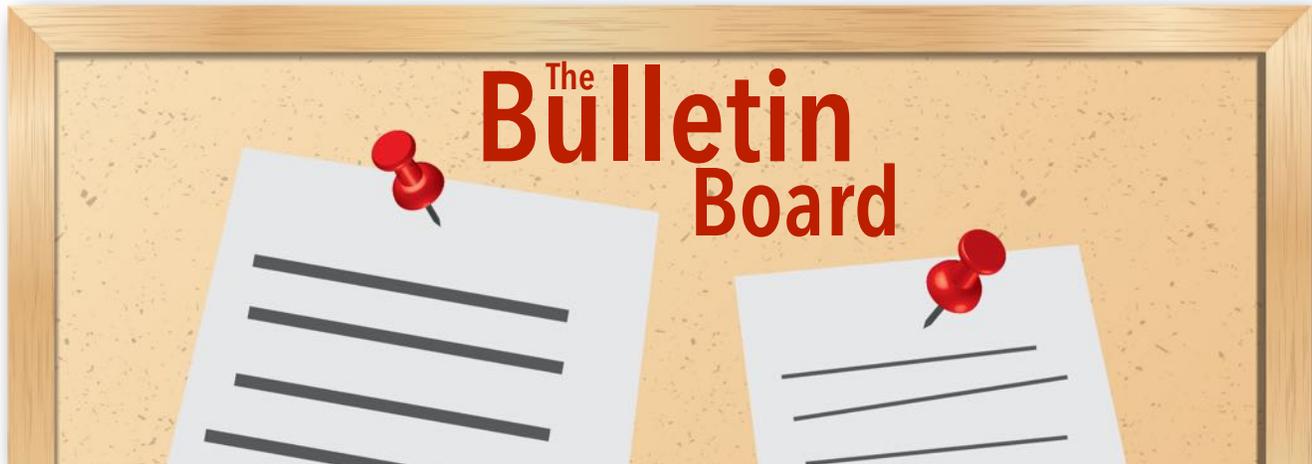
The team worked hard throughout the week to get the job done. Even though the work is hard, especially being outside in the hot sun all day, the payoff comes seeing the smiles on the faces of the clients and hearing their words of gratitude.

One of the client's sons returned home after the repairs and wrote a thank you note exclaiming, "I recently took a trip home to visit and the happiness I saw in my parents for their house has been one of the greatest gifts you and the Navajo Nation has given to them. They are so proud of their house and could not stop talking about it to anyone they saw.

... Again I greatly appreciate all the work you and everyone involved did to make this happen for my parents. Us sons all live away from Chinle working and making a living for our own families and we try to come home as often as we can to visit our great parents. It makes me feel AMAZING how they were assisted in this project. Their house looks awesome and my parents couldn't be more ecstatic about it. Thank you thank you thank you for everything!!"







ARIZONA OPTS INTO FIRSTNET

The state of Arizona has opted-in to the FirstNet emergency first responder network system that will deliver a specialized wireless broadband network to Arizona's public safety officials and first responders. Arizona is the thirteenth state to opt-in to the federal program.

FirstNet is a federal program that was established in 2012 by Congress, which is designed to deliver a nationwide broadband network dedicated to public safety.

The state of New Mexico also recently decided to opt-in to the program. The state of Utah has yet to issue a decision on whether or not to opt-in to the program.

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/pressReleases/2017/Aug/>

[Delegates seek to partner with NM AZ and UT to implement the FirstNet emergency first responder network program.pdf](#)

NTUA AND SRP COMPLETE 27.3 MEGAWATT SOLAR FACILITY IN KAYENTA

The Kayenta Solar Facility is located approximately five-miles north of the community of Kayenta and is located on 300 acres of land. The facility is the first-ever large-scale solar farm on the Navajo Nation. The solar facility will provide approximately 27.3-megawatts of solar electricity.

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority entered into a two-year energy and environmental attribute agreement with the Salt River Project to develop the solar farm, which was constructed by a company known as Isolux Corsan.

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/pressReleases/2017/Aug/>

[Council joins NTUA in celebrating the completion of the Kayenta Solar Facility.pdf](#)

Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

Labor Day 2017: Sept. 4

Fact for Features: Labor Day

The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. The parade inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing a “workingmen’s holiday” on one day or another. Later that year, with Congress passing legislation and President Grover Cleveland signing the bill on June 29, the first Monday in September was designated “Labor Day.” This national holiday is a creation of the labor movement in the late 19th century and pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of workers in America.

Who Are We Celebrating?

159.8 million

The number of people age 16 and over in the nation’s labor force as of May 2017.

Our Jobs

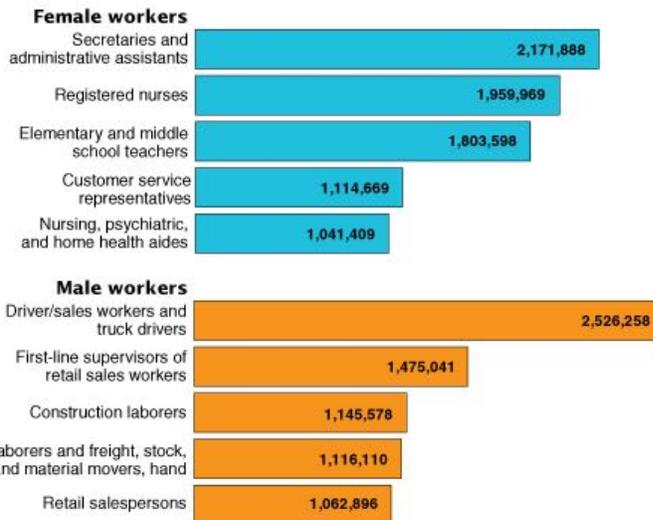
Largest Occupations, May 2016	Number of Employees
Retail salespersons	4,528,550
Cashiers	3,541,010
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	3,426,090
Office clerks, general	2,955,550
Registered nurses	2,857,180
Customer service representatives	2,707,040
Laborers and freight, stock and material movers, hand	2,587,900
Waiters and waitresses	2,564,610
Secretaries and administrative assistants, except legal, medical and executive	2,295,510
General and operations managers	2,188,870

Source: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2017/labor-day.html>



Working for a Living

Selected Occupations With More Than One Million Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex



United States
Census
Bureau

U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
census.gov

Source: 2015 American Community Survey
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/

PERSONNEL NEWS

DCD OPEN POSITIONS**Admin. Service Centers****Temporary Accountants:**

Fort Defiance, AZ

Crownpoint, NM

Chapter Community Services**Coordinator:**

Lake Valley, NM

Chapter Accounts Maintenance**Specialists:**

Tsaile, AZ

Forest Lake, AZ

Lake Valley, NM

Alamo, NM

Iyanbito, NM

Tsayatoh, NM

Red Valley, AZ

Kaibeto, AZ

Navajo Mountain, AZ

Capital Projects Management**Project Manager:**

Tuba City, AZ

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at <http://www.dpm.navajonnsn.gov/jobs.htm>

**New DCD Staff**

DCD welcomes Lanardo Galbreath to the Rural Addressing team and Gabriel Charley, Tiauna Begay, Ken Chapo, Deatrice Sam (not pictured), and Tierra Sam (not pictured) to DCD Administration. Mr. Galbreath will be helping with the Rural Addressing efforts and OPVP Community Projects. Mr. Charley, Mr. Chapo, Ms. Begay, Ms. Deatrice Sam, and Ms. Tierra Sam, will be providing extra support to the DCD Administration office.

Beulah Pete Returns to DCD

Ms. Beulah Pete is the new Accountant for the Administrative Service Center - Shiprock Office. Ms. Pete worked for DCD several years back.

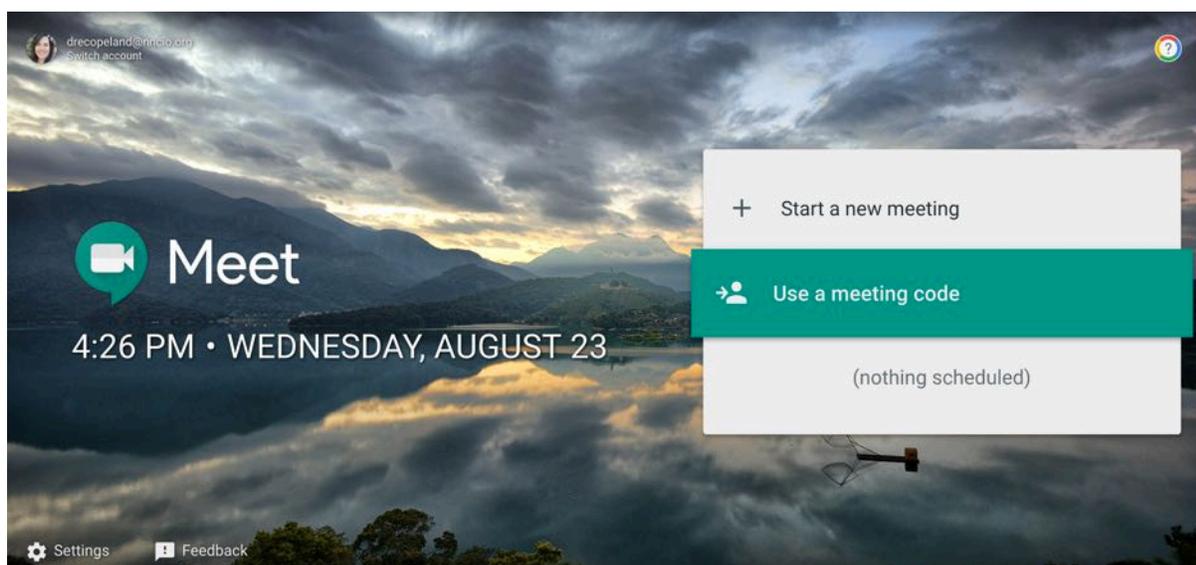
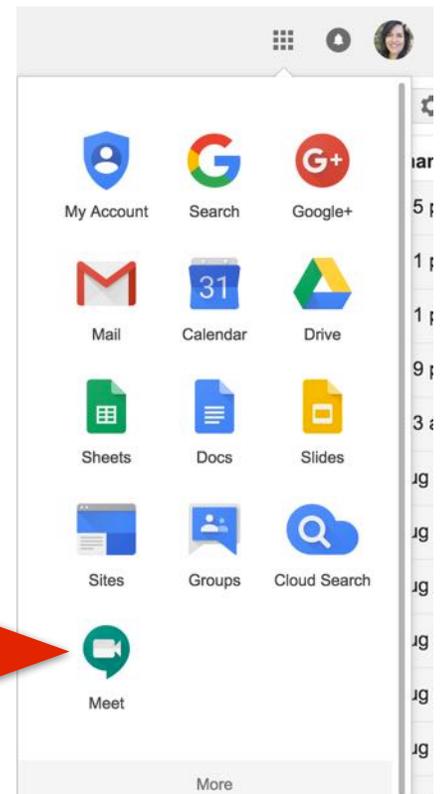
Welcome back to DCD, Beulah!!!

Meet by Google Hangouts

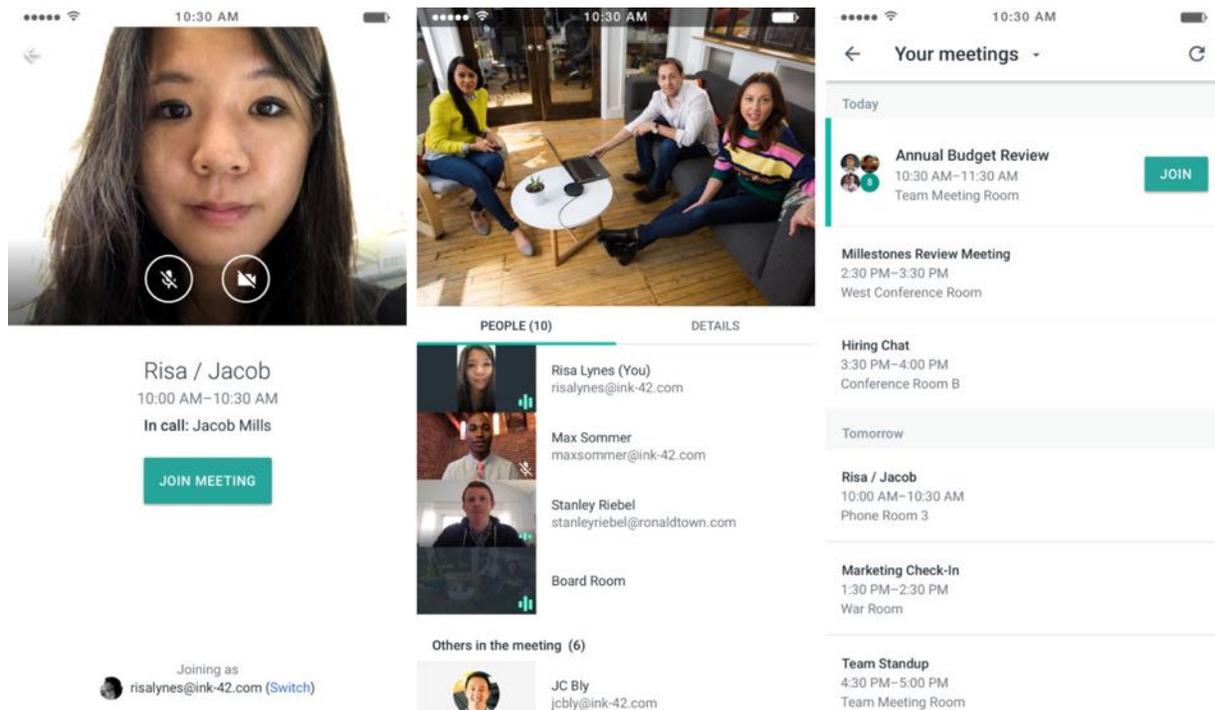
Start your video meetings with a quick click: meet Hangouts Meet

Hangouts Meet is a new video meeting experience with one goal: make joining meetings effortless so that people can be as productive as they are when they're face-to-face. Google has reduced the 'time to start' a meeting to zero. They built Hangouts Meet to have a light, fast interface and smart participant management.

Running 30-person video conferences smoothly is easy with Meet. Simply start your meetings with a shared link – no accounts, plugins, downloads or hassles. Meet provides a place for everyone to join from Calendar, an email invite or an ad-hoc share. You can dial in from a conference room, your laptop or using the dedicated mobile app, just a few clicks and you're in.



With Meet, makes it easy to showcase any project. Meet integrates directly with G Suite, information you need about each meeting is automatically pulled from Calendar.



Hangouts Chat is an intelligent communication app for teams that takes direct messaging in Hangouts and evolves it to reflect the way modern teams talk business. Working on a project means bringing cross-functional teams together, discussing tasks that need to get done and sharing your work.

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

