

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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## Did You Know...

The Navajo name for Turquoise is doot'izhii. Turquoise forms when water percolates through rocks that contain copper, aluminum and other minerals. A chemical reaction takes place that results in deposits of what we know as turquoise.

## Upcoming Events

**July 26-29:** Dine Bi Eastern Fair - Crownpoint

**August 14:** Navajo Code Talker's Day

**August 23-26:** Central Navajo Nation Fair - Chinle



## Mexican Springs Project Dedication

MEXICAN SPRINGS – On Friday, July 6, President Russell Begaye presented the keys for a newly constructed home to a Mexican Springs family whose home had burned down over a year ago.

Elvira Bitsilly and Irving Tsosie lost their home to a fire on Mar. 20, 2017. The fire destroyed all of the couple's belongings and caused them to live in motels and look for emergency housing.

"It's hard to talk about. It hurts," Bitsilly said. "We are so appreciative of Carl Smith and the Division of Community Development (DCD) for helping us. We are also thankful to the crew and the Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP)."

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Tsosie said the family had experienced a string of bad luck in 2017. A few months prior to their house burning down, the family lost their daughter when she became unexpectedly ill.

“She got sick and it happened very fast,” said Tsosie whose 29-year-old daughter was an orthodontic technician who was planning on returning to college.

“We’ve been through a lot and it’s been hard to get back on our feet,” he said. “We haven’t yet.”

After their home burned, the couple stayed in motels in Gallup for a month. They were able to eventually get emergency housing in Rock Springs, N.M. As they attended housing meetings, they met Carl Smith, Executive

Director of DCD. With the help of DCD, the couple was able to get assistance.

“When they first walked into my office and told us what happened to them, we knew we had to help. The family had nobody,” Smith said. “Because there are so many families in need, this project had to be placed on a lower priority level. However, like every project, we work hard to get them completed.”

During the presentation, President Begaye spoke about his background in home construction before he became a politician and how implementing a home project initiative in his administration was important.

In every year of his administration, President Begaye and OPVP staff have organized home construction, refurbishing and renovation projects for elderly Navajos and veterans. The president said these efforts are to assist families in need as well, like the Bitsilly’s.

“We have been involved in this project from the start. OPVP worked with Smith and his crew along with volunteers and church groups to address housing needs like these. This is our initiative,” President Begaye said. “We heard about the couple’s situation and began working with DCD. It touches your heart when you can help a family that is struggling and in need.”

Smith said projects like these are gratifying and exemplify the purpose of DCD in addressing community needs.

“This is why I push my crew to hustle,” he said. “It’s not because of money or because we have to do it. There are so many families out there in need. We have many more homes coming up and I thank President Begaye and OPVP for funding these projects.”

Bitsilly and Tsosie expressed appreciation to DCD and OPVP for helping them get back on their feet.

“From everything that has happened up until now, we’ve been through a lot. We lost everything,” Tsosie said. “This gives us hope. We have a home now and we are very thankful.”

President Begaye also thanked DCD for getting the project completed.

**[READ MORE AT: https://mailchi.mp/d8da5b290549/press-releasepresident-begaye-assists-mexican-springs-family-whose-house-burned](https://mailchi.mp/d8da5b290549/press-releasepresident-begaye-assists-mexican-springs-family-whose-house-burned)**



## ROCK SPRINGS CHAPTER 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Rock Springs Chapter holds an annual community celebration and on July 20, Rock Springs held their 3rd annual community celebration. Their theme was "Remembering Our Ancestors". The chapter set up a *chaha'oh* and had the chapter staff dress traditionally. They served mutton stew, frybread, cake and water. The joyous event had many speakers including Rock Springs community member, former chapter president, and currently, DCD's Executive Director, Carl Smith. Following Mr Smith was ASC Department Manager, Johnny Johnson. Both gave very motivational speeches praising how well Rock Springs Chapter is doing. Brenda Jesus, Rock





Springs Chapter's CSC, explained that the whole concept of this celebration is to bring the surrounding communities together emphasizing respect, and to spend a day together playing games, participating in different activities, and eating food together. She explained that all these events are planned to provide happiness and laughter, recognize important people, reminisce with the community, and most importantly remember our ancestors. She added, "I would like to thank all the chapter employees for making this happen, including Rock Springs summer youth employees, PEP, Veterans Department, chapter officials, and admin staff."

# Daughter of DCD Employee Graduates from Police Academy

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July 2018



On Friday June 22, 2018, 6 women and 6 men graduated from the 25 week police officer's training program and had their graduation ceremony at the Wildcat Den in Chinle, AZ. Among the graduates was Tamara Hardy, daughter of DCD's own Leonard Hardy, Electrical Inspector, CPMD. Since graduating from the police academy, Tamara Hardy is now working for the Navajo Nation





Police Department and patrols all over the Navajo Nation. Tamara always wanted to join the military ever since high school. While working at her previous job, she decided that she wanted to come home and give back to her community. She went to a police drive, took all required tests and passed. She still had some fears and doubts about pursuing her new career including calls for shots fired, individuals resisting arrest and not being able to spend as much time with her kids as she usually would. But with plenty of help and support from her family and her two children, Tamara found her fears conquerable. She reflected, "The most rewarding part of my job is providing safety for all communities and to me safety is number one! We're not here to bring punishment, We're here to help the community. Most importantly we are ALWAYS here to help." Congratulations to Ms. Tamara Hardy for a job well done!



# MARIANO LAKE SUMMER YOUTH STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

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**MARIANO LAKE, NM: CLEANING CREW**

Mariano Lake Chapter employed 61 Students that worked over the summer in the Summer Youth Program. The students worked as a team and picked up trash within the chapter compound and in different areas within the chapter community. The students felt happy to assist their community by picking trash along the Highway from Hidden Springs to Echo Canyon Road. They all worked enthusiastically and as a team with no problems or negativity.

The youth workers were very happy to participate in the summer program and thanked the Navajo Nation President, Navajo Nation Vice President, Council Delegates, local leaders and the entire Navajo Nation for the opportunity to work. They appreciate the support for the youth that programs like this provide and said the pay checks will definitely help them prepare for the upcoming school year.

## NEWCOMB SENIOR CENTER GETS KITCHEN UPGRADE



The Newcomb Senior Center recently finished upgrades to their kitchen using funding received from the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department. The project cost was \$147,824.27. Leo Barber, Jr., and Andy Thomas, both from the Capital Projects Management Department, were the project managers for the project. Chapter President and Senior Center Supervisor, David Randolph, was the chapter representative. These upgrades will help the center provide better services to the elderly clients that use the facilities.



# Bulletin Board

## **NAVAJO NATION RECEIVES \$4 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

SANTA FE—The Navajo Nation was awarded approximately \$4 million for four infrastructure projects in the Eastern and Fort Defiance Agencies on June 11 by the New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board.

“Everyone should have access to roads, water and basic infrastructure, including Navajo,” President Russell Begaye said. “With the resources allocated by the state of New Mexico, we are moving forward with building a stronger Navajo Nation.”

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## **LOK'AAH NI TEEL SHOPPING CENTER IS OFFICIALLY OPEN**

GANADO—Lok’aaH Ni Teel Shopping Center, located just north of Burnside Junction, is now officially open for the public and houses a Lowe’s Shop n’ Save, Ace Hardware, Pizza Edge and a laundromat.

“It took people who were willing to come to the table and work together to add this shopping center to the list of projects funded by the interest from the PTF,” President Russell Begaye said at the grand opening ceremony on July 11. “Now you won’t have to travel all the way to Window Rock or Gallup to do your laundry or buy a sack of potatoes. This gives the community access to fresh food and basic necessities.”

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## **NAVAJO NATION APPLAUDS SENATE PASSAGE OF FARM BILL WITH TRIBAL PROVISIONS**

WINDOW ROCK—The Office of the President and Vice President commends U.S. Sens. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., and Tom Udall, D-N.M., for securing provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill that help protect Native American seeds used for cultural, religious, medicinal, ceremonial and agricultural purposes.

The provisions, introduced after Sen. Udall sought input from tribal leaders, also expand tribal determination contracting with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), increase tribal access to international markets, provide equitable access to agricultural research funding in Indian Country and direct the Government Accountability Office to study marketplace fraud of tribal seeds. More than 56,000 Native farmers and ranchers operate on 57 million acres of land, creating a market of nearly \$3.4 billion per year.

The Senate on June 28 approved the Farm Bill with its tribal provisions. President Russell Begaye called the vote a victory for the 27,000-square-mile Navajo Nation, most of which is classified as a food desert.

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# PERSONNEL NEWS

## DCD OPEN POSITIONS

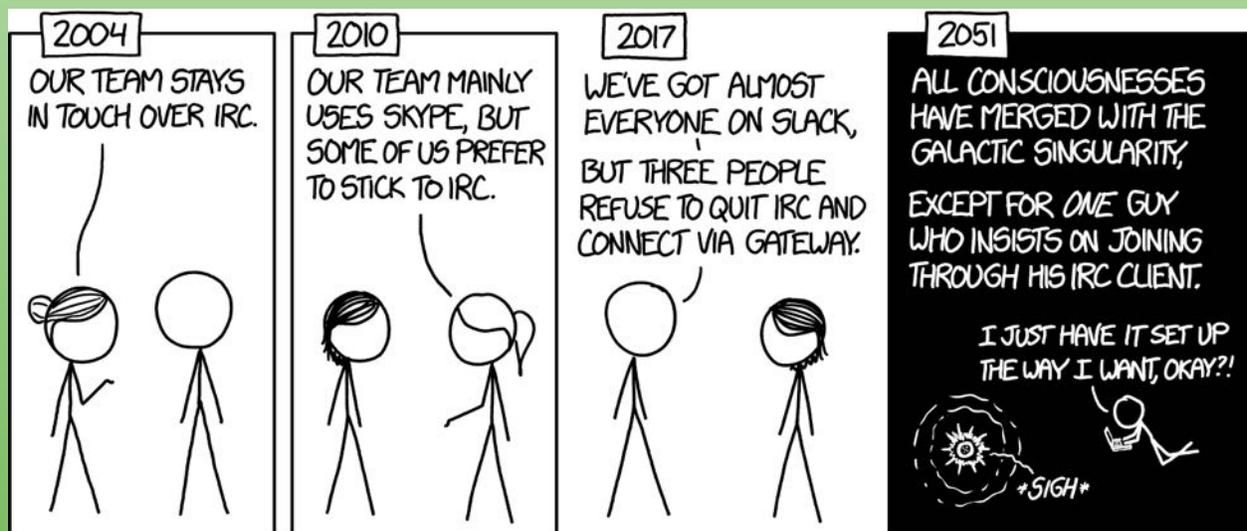
### Administrative Service Centers:

POSITION TITLE	LOCATION	PAY RATE	CLOSING DATE
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Crystal, NM	24,731.20	07/24/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Jeddito, AZ	24,731.20	07/24/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Alamo, NM	24,731.20	07/24/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Iyanbito, NM	24,731.20	07/24/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Tohatchi, NM	24,731.20	07/25/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Wide Ruins, AZ	24,731.20	08/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Blue Gap, AZ	24,731.20	07/25/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Coppermine, AZ	24,731.20	07/30/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Coppermine, AZ	34,881.60	08/01/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Hard Rock, AZ	24,731.20	07/31/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Nazlini, AZ	34,881.60	08/06/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Nazlini, AZ	24,731.20	08/06/2018
Community Services Coordinator(S)	Pueblo Pintado, NM	34,881.60	07/30/2018
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Nahodishgish, NM	24,731.20	OUF
Accounts Maintenance Specialist(S)	Kaibeto, AZ	24,731.20	07/24/2018
Administrative Services Officer(S)	Tuba City, AZ	41,017.60	07/30/2018

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

## Comic Of The Month

### TEAM CHAT



Link to comic: <https://xkcd.com/1782/>

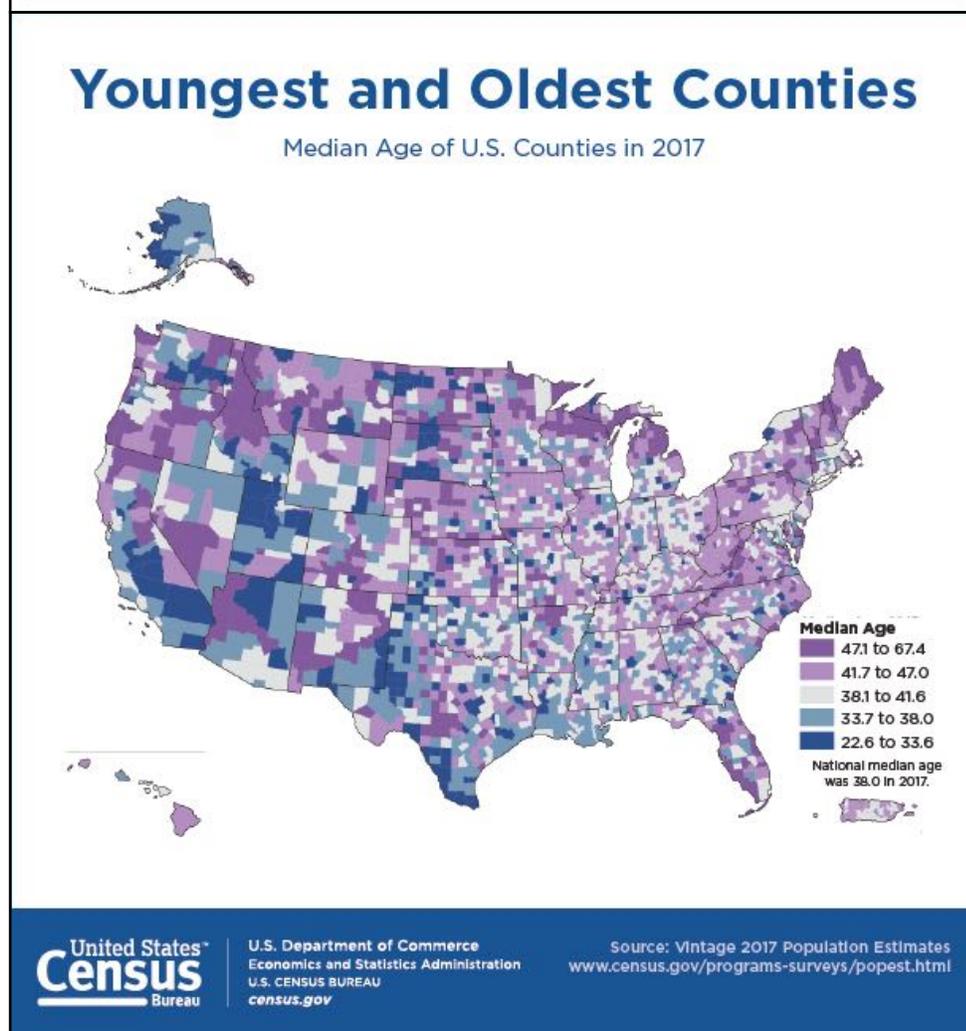
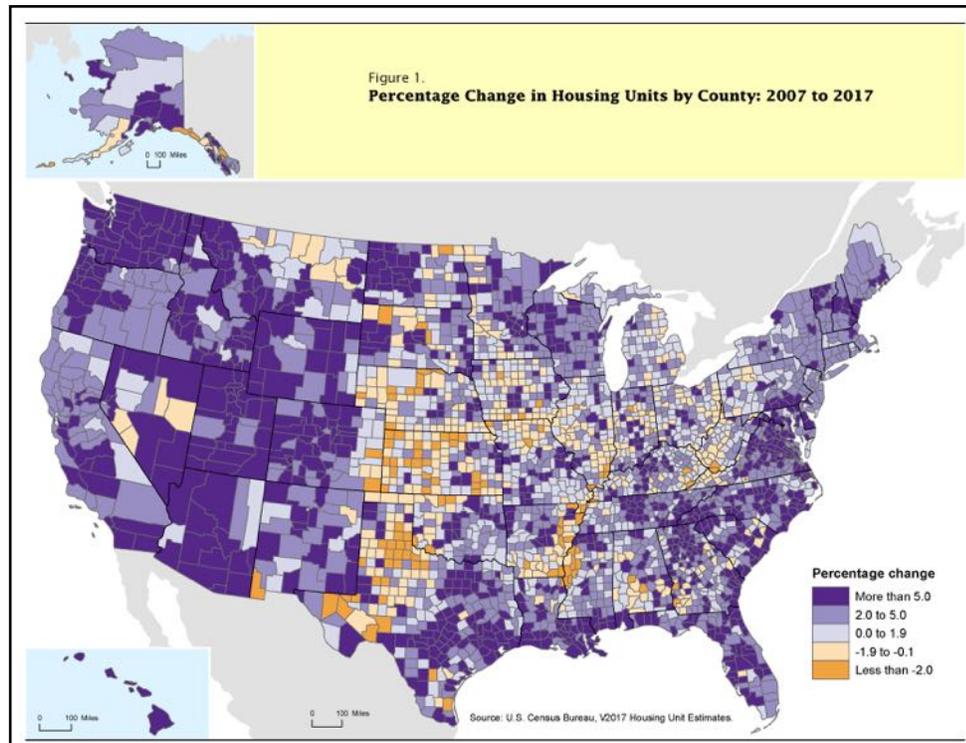
## Nation Celebrates 242 Years of Independence

America Counts Staff | July 02, 2018

Parades, outdoor concerts, backyard barbecues and firework displays are the staple of July 4th celebrations. But on this 242nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, here's a look back at how the nation has changed since its founding and other fun facts in Census Bureau statistics.

- In July 1776, there were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the newly independent nation. According to most recent estimates, today there are 326 million.
- There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.
  - John Hancock, a merchant by trade, was the first signer. In 2016, 1.1 million business establishments with paid employees - like Hancock - were in the retail trade industry.
  - Benjamin Franklin, who represented Pennsylvania, was the oldest of the signers at age 70. Franklin County, Pa., had an estimated population of 154,234 as of July 1, 2017.
  - Edward Rutledge, of South Carolina, was the youngest at age 26. South Carolina had an estimated population of 5,024,369 as of July 1, 2017.
- There were \$368.6 million worth of fireworks sold through establishments classified as NAICS 453998 and all other miscellaneous retailers (except tobacco stores) in 2012.

**READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2018/07/july-fourth.html>**



## DATA STORAGE: ALWAYS MAKE A COPY

Did that title put you to sleep already? It's not an exciting topic but important to everyone in different ways. What do you have that you want to keep records of?



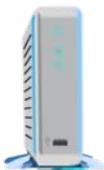
Records management is everyone's job, even for those who don't know it. We use different types of data for all things including proving your identity. Keeping your records is more important everyday. So what is the best option for storage? You have several options including physical paper records. However if history has shown us one thing, accidents do happen. How do you plan for the unthinkable?

First, let's review what types of storage options are available. Storage options include USB, external hard drives, internal hard drives, CD's and DVD's. Online options include cloud options, such as email and new services that cater to keeping your records damage-free.



USB Flash storage devices are small printed circuit boards that communicate with computers. Capacity can be up to 1 TB (terabyte) as technology improves. Data can last up to 10 years & up to 100,000 write/erase cycles depending on the use. Cheaply made, it will last between two and four years. Always make a stable copy of your most precious data on another drive rarely used.

CD's and DVD's are predicted to last up to 20 to 100 years but under perfect stable conditions. Some are subject to the reflective layer of the disc and disc rot, because the technology is new, a lifetime has yet to determined accurately. HQ material, dry dark and cool places, jewel cases and slow writing speeds can be beneficial. Finally- always make an extra copy



External spindle type of hard drives can last up to three to five years. SSD hard drives with no moving parts can last up to five or more years if in perfect conditions. Always make a copy.

Online cloud drives are directly linked to specific online accounts, for as long as you use your account and as much capacity as you can pay for. How safe is that data is another question. Always make an offline copy.



# 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
<b>TOTAL: 12</b>				<b>TOTAL: 12</b>		

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		<b>TOTAL: 4</b>		
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				
<b>TOTAL 11</b>						

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
<b>TOTAL: 6</b>		

**TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45**

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