

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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Did You Know...

The Navajo name for April is T'aachil, which means "growth of early plant life".

Upcoming Events

April 1: Easter

May 4: Chapter Website Training - DCD Conference Room

May 13: Mother's Day

May 16: LRAC Training - DCD Conference Room

May 28: Memorial Day

June 1: Navajo Nation Memorial Day

June 13: PAV Training AM/PM sessions - DCD Conference Room



Project in Tuba City Brings Electrical Power to 95 Year Old Resident

The power line project at the Rare Metals Community near Tuba City, AZ was recently completed and has provided the opportunity for 26 families in the area to receive electrical power. The Capital Projects Management Department oversaw the project with NTUA as the prime contractor. Benjamin Cowboy was

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the project manager from CPMD. The project was made possible with over \$1 million funded from the Navajo Nation.

Tó Nanees Dizí Chapter Senior Office Specialist, Gwen Ward, said that many residents had to move out of the region due to having no electricity, but now with the help of this project, community members can move back to their original homes. The Former Bennett Freeze Area has seen little development for the past 50 years due to a federal court order "freezing" all development in the area. The court order was finally lifted in 2009.

Council Delegate Otto Tso remarked, "I'm pleased to hear the project is completed and 100% of the service are currently in use. For 52 years, the Former Bennett Freeze put a hold on all Infrastructure projects and I'm happy for my people who live in this region of To Nane[e]s Dizi. The CPMD has really [helped] this project get off the ground and to see a 95 year old elder finally get electricity in her life time. I thank the [Division] of Community Development for all their help they have contributed to this project."

STUDENTS WINTER EMPLOYMENT

Back in December, Mariano Lake Chapter hired 30 students for winter employment during the students' winter break using the chapter's Summer Youth Temporary Employment Funds. While employed, the students learned to weave small rugs and sew them into small coin purses. Additionally, the students learned to make quilts. After all the quilts were made, they were wrapped as Christmas gifts.



Student gifting an elder a hand-made quilt.



Students holding their woven coin purses.

In the spirit of the holiday, each student made a personal greeting card and with the help of the Mariano Lake Chapter Staff, the gifts were delivered to the elders within the community. The students worked hard and saw the benefits through the tears of joy, and a thankful hug from each elder. Mariano Lake Chapter and community members are proud of their winter student employees.

MANY FARMS WATER LINE



The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is nearly completed with the Many Farms waterline project that will serve 25 homes in their community. This project's construction started April 10, 2017, and is now proudly 90% completed. Thanks go to Danny Francis, former Many Farms Community

Services Coordinator, who retired after the project was funded \$1.2 million from the I.H.S with HUD-CDBG contributing \$753,000. The CDBG program's onsite field staff are Jerome Meyers and Delvin Wauneka. James Adakai, CDBG Program/Projects Specialist, commented, "I am proud of the overall CDBG staff who are working hard to get the projects funded



and administer the projects for timely completion. It takes a lot of teamwork, effort and dedication to make this type of infrastructure project a reality which is basically to benefit the community in many aspects." With everyone's hard work and dedication this project was able to be completed to help many families in the community of Many Farms.

BULLETIN BOARD

STATE-OF-THE-ART WELLNESS CENTER OPENS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC

FORT DEFIANCE— The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board officially opened the state-of-the-art Nihi Dine'é Bá, or “For the People” Wellness Center, on April 2. Located near Tséhootsooí Medical Center, Nihi Dine'é Bá is a new public health facility that provides rehabilitation services, nutritional education, a fitness facility and is open to the public.

<https://mailchi.mp/775aea62ff97/press-releasestate-of-the-art-wellness-center-opens-doors-to-the-public?e=577oabo7ba>

Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant: NEWS

On April 10, 2018, the Navajo Nation Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant Program received a notice of Amended Grant Approval Notification – Adjustment for Additional Funding \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This notice comes as an unexpected surprise. According to HUD, an additional \$100,000 have been reserved for the Navajo Nation which had increased FY-2017 ICDBG award amount from 1,401,183 to \$1,501,183.

The Navajo Nation CDBG Program appreciates HUD for additional funding which gives the Nation an opportunity to address serving more Navajo families who are in dire need of basic infrastructure – powerline and waterline.

NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTERS:

Chapters, In light of advancing technology, please protect all financial information in possession of the chapter, such as account numbers, detailed financial reports, and budgets (not otherwise accessible through the WIND system). As you know, chapters are required to safeguard all chapter funds. As such, Chapters must take all precautions before giving out any financial information to any third parties who may want to work with chapters.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVES UPDATE ON SANCTIONED CHAPTERS

WINDOW ROCK – On Tuesday, the Budget and Finance Committee received an update report from the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development and the Administrative Service Centers' department manager Johnny Johnson, regarding sanctioned Navajo chapters and the division's efforts to help the chapters mitigate their sanctioned status.

In March, the Division of Community Development requested technical assistance from the Office of the Auditor General to aid in a directive issued by the Office of the President and Vice President to expedite the Local Governance Act certification of approximately 65 chapters and to aid nine chapters with their sanctioned statuses.

<http://www.navajo-nsn.gov/News%20Releases/NNCouncil/2018/apr/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Budget%20and%20Finance%20Committee%20receives%20update%20on%20sanctioned%20chapters.pdf>

2017 Economic Census

See How It All Adds Up



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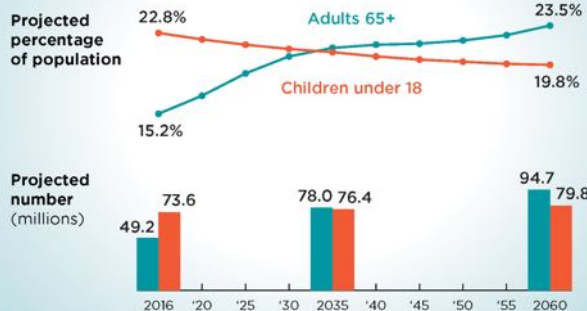
Source: www.census.gov/EconomicCensus



An Aging Nation

Projected Number of Children and Older Adults

For the First Time in U.S. History Older Adults Are Projected to Outnumber Children by 2035

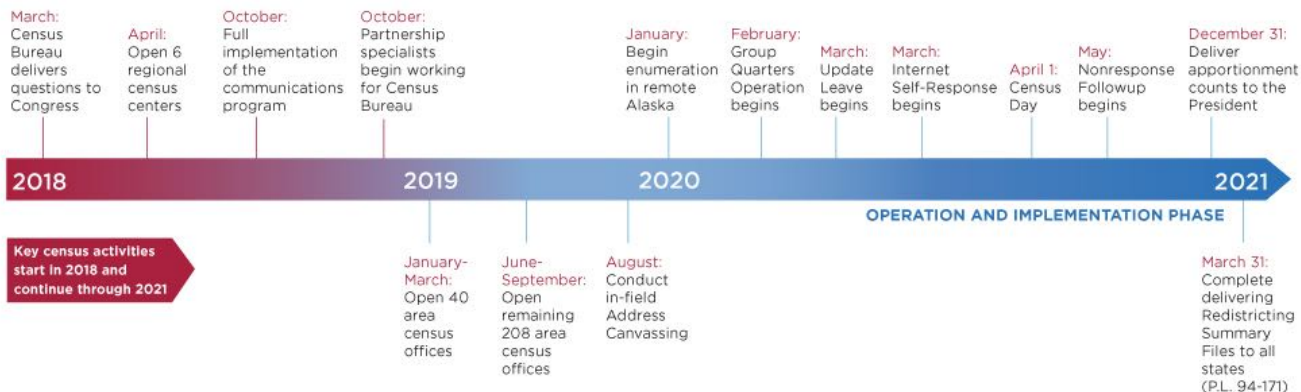


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Source: National Population Projections, 2017
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popproj.html

Road to the 2020 Census

2020 Census Operational Timeline



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National Pet Day

Stats for Stories | April 11, 2018 | U.S. Census Bureau

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publication TED: The Economics Daily:

“In 2015, households spent an average of \$528 on pets, or about 1 percent of average household spending. Pet expenditures include pet food; pet purchases, supplies, and medicine; pet services; and veterinary services. Average household spending on pet food jumped from \$190 in 2014 to \$230 in 2015, or from 37 percent of average household spending on pets to 44 percent.



“Average household spending on veterinary services, which reached over \$200 in 2008, was \$133 in 2015, or about 25 percent of average household expenditures on pets. Average household spending on pet purchases, supplies, and medicine, which represented 34 percent of average household spending on pets in 2010, measured only 22 percent of pet expenditures in 2015, falling from \$163 to \$116 over that period.

“On average, households with one consumer spent the least on pet expenditures in 2015 (\$360), while households with two consumers spent the most (\$672). Average household spending on pets by households with two consumers increased by about \$100 from 2014 to 2015, while average household spending on pets in households with 5 or more consumers decreased by about \$150 over the same period.”

The Census Bureau's County Business Patterns program and American Community Survey have stats on pets including pet and pet supplies stores, veterinary services, and pet care services.

Sources: 2016 American Community Survey and 2015 County Business Patterns.

READ MORE AT: <https://census.gov/newsroom/stories/2018/pet-day.html>

PERSONNEL NEWS

DCD OPEN POSITIONS

Chapter Community Services Coordinator:

Wide Ruins, AZ

POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 26, 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



JUST FOR LAUGHS

Q: What do you get when you cross a computer with a hamburger?

A: A Big Mac!

Q: Why did the maid refuse to clean the computer?

A: She didn't do Windows!

Q: How do you find a spider on the internet?

A: Check out his web site!

What is Earth Day, and what is it meant to accomplish?

A message from Earth Day Network president, Kathleen Rogers

<https://www.earthday.org/earthday/>

Close to 48 years ago, on 22 April 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the US and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the US Congress and President Nixon responded quickly. In July of the same year, they created the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.

One billion people

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

Earth Day Network, the organization that leads Earth Day worldwide, today announced that Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics. EDN will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife, and about the growing body of evidence that decomposing plastics are creating serious global problems.

From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastics in our food to disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases and early puberty, the exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival. EDN has built a multi-year campaign to End Plastic Pollution. Our goals include ending single-use plastics, promoting alternatives to fossil fuel-based materials, promoting 100 percent recycling of plastics, corporate and government accountability and changing human behavior concerning plastics.

EDN's End Plastic Pollution campaign includes four major components:

- Leading a grassroots movement to support the adoption of a global framework to regulate plastic pollution;
- Educating, mobilizing and activating citizens across the globe to demand that governments and corporations control and clean up plastic pollution;
- Educating people worldwide to take personal responsibility for plastic pollution by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics, and
- Promoting local government regulatory and other efforts to tackle plastic pollution.

Earth Day Network will leverage the platform of Earth Day and the growing interest in the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2020 as a catalyst for global action.

Fun Facts: Earth Day - April 22



What in the world is Earth Day?

- Earth Day is recognized every year to raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire an appreciation for the environment.
- Environmental activists coined Earth Day in response to a massive oil spill in waters near Santa Barbara, CA, in 1969.

How can you tell if the ocean is friendly?
It waves.



Feelin' Hot, Hot, Hot

Across occupied housing units in the United States in 2016, it is estimated that...



57 million
were heated by utility gas.
(That's approximately 48% of all homes!)



2.2 million
were heated by wood.
(That's 2% of all homes!)



150,824
were heated by solar energy.
(That's less than 1% of all homes!)

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census, County Business Patterns, and American Community Survey.

Power Up!



\$9.7 billion: The total revenue in 2012 for all electric power generation industries in the United States that use renewable energy resources, such as hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other electric power generation.

1,219: The number of hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other electric power generation establishments in the United States in 2015.

12,988: The number of employees working in hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other electric power generation establishments in the United States in 2015.



Getting to Work

- Average one-way commute to work in the United States in 2016: **27 minutes**
- States with the longest average one-way commutes to work: **New York (33 minutes)** and **Maryland (33 minutes)**
- States with the shortest average one-way commutes to work: **South Dakota (17 minutes)** and **North Dakota (17 minutes)**
- **863,979** people in the United States rode a bike to work in 2016. (That's less than 1% of the American workforce!)
- **4,086,487** people in the United States walked to work in 2016. (That's almost 3% of the American workforce!)





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MEMORANDUM

TO : Division Directors and Executive Directors
The Executive Branch

FROM : 
Clara L. Pratte, Chief of Staff
Office of the President and Vice President

DATE : April 5, 2018

SUBJECT : **Earth Day Spring Clean Up Activities**

On behalf of the Executive Branch, the Division of Community Development (DCD) is taking the lead role to schedule the 2018 Spring Cleanup activities in recognition of Earth Day, for the Fort Defiance, Saint Michaels, and Window Rock vicinities. The spring cleanup activities are scheduled on April 24 and 25, 2018, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM each day.

Division Directors are to authorize employees to actively promote and participate in the Earth Day spring clean up activities along State Highway 264 and designated areas. The attached map depicts each respective Division's assigned area.

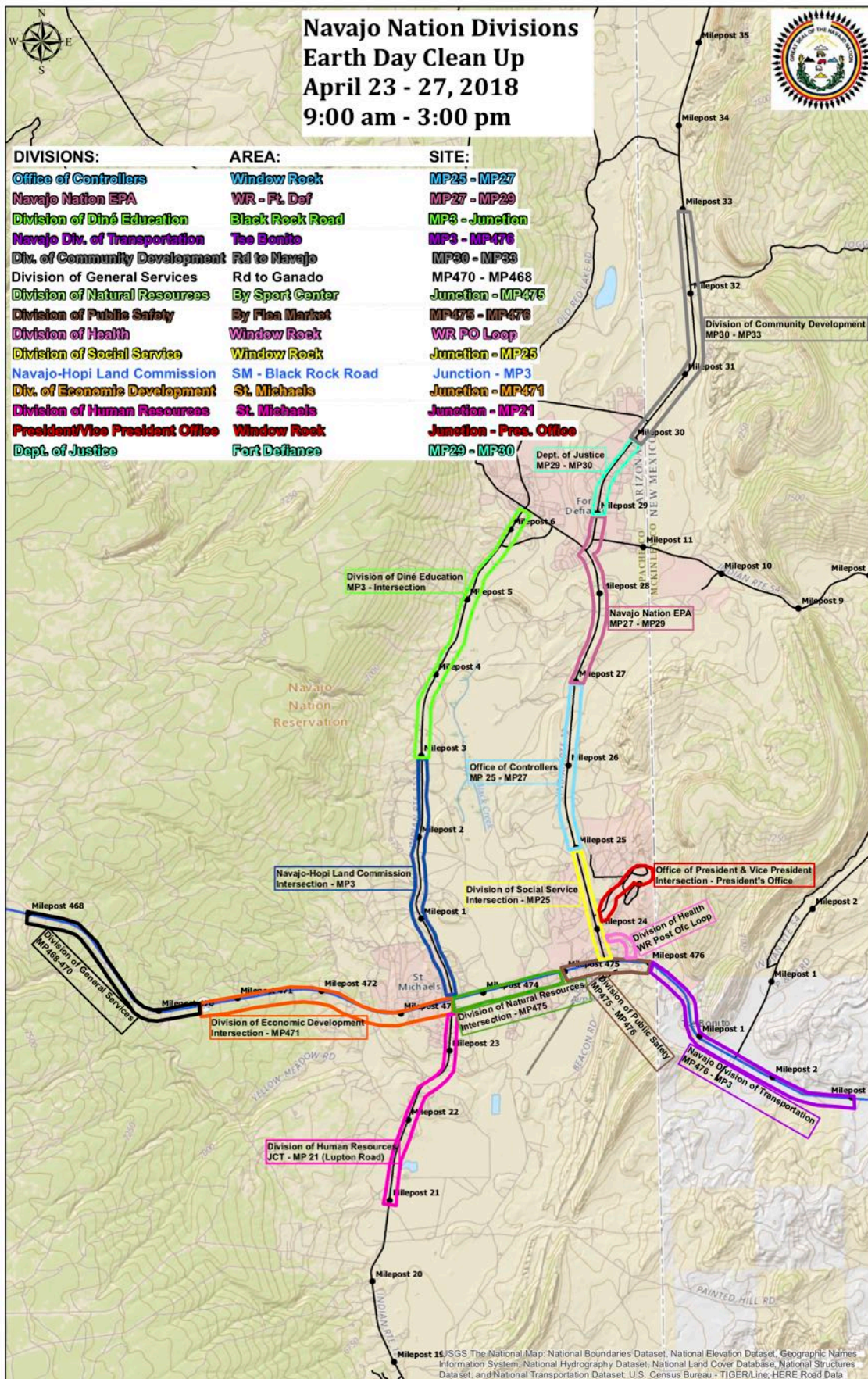
Each Division will be responsible to provide their employees trash bags, gloves, safety vests, bottled water so that they may actively participate in the clean up activity. Furthermore, each division will be responsible for collected trash disposal.

Please ensure that employees are dressed appropriately and take necessary safety precautions when parking vehicles and exiting vehicles along the highway.


If you have any questions regarding the cleanup activity, please make contact with DCD at 871-7182.


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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 Denehotso	Western	2/14/12				
10 Tonalca	Western	12/2/14				
11 Ts'ah Bi' 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

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