

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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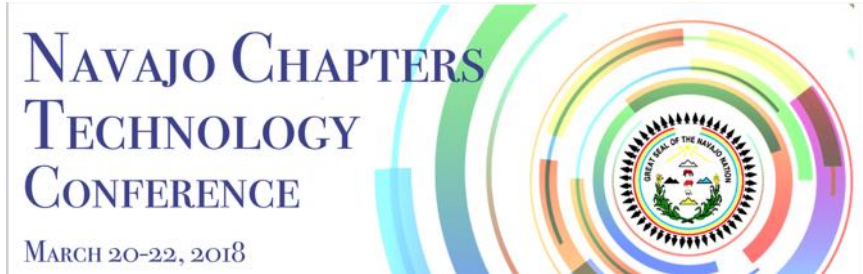
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## Did You Know...

The Navajo name for March is Wóózhch'ííd, which means "baby eaglets first cry".

## Upcoming Events

- April 1:** Easter
- April 3:** ASC/CSC/AMS Mandatory Meeting - Crownpoint
- April 4:** ASC/CSC/AMS Mandatory Meeting - Gadiaahi
- April 6:** ASC/CSC/AMS Mandatory Meeting - Oak Springs
- April 10:** ASC/CSC/AMS Mandatory Meeting - Chinle
- April 11:** ASC/CSC/AMS Mandatory Meeting - Tuba City



## Chapter Technology Conference Brings Big Technology Names to the Navajo Nation

Nearly 300 chapter staff, officials, Navajo Nation employees and conference partners descended on the San Juan College campus from March 20-22, 2018, for the DCD-sponsored Chapter Technology Conference. This year's conference included presentations from big technology players like Google and Apple, but also included a wealth of information from different partners who provided presentations and workshops on technology and telecommunications topics.

The conference began with opening remarks from Mr. Peterson Zah, Navajo Nation Ambassador, Office of the President and Vice President. Next, the master of ceremonies, Arbin Mitchell, provided an overview of the conference and provided words of encouragement to the chapter staff and officials with his enthusiasm for technology.

The first day's presentations also included a discussion on Plus Codes, a new way of addressing using a string of unique letters and numbers to represent any point on the earth. Such addressing techniques are being used in some countries such as Switzerland to enable postal delivery to locations that have no street names or addresses.

Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director, gave a welcome speech to start off the second day of the conference. Mr. Smith spoke of the

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Navajo Nation Addressing Authority Presentation

Apple also made an appearance at this year's conference and did two presentations on Apple's procurement programs for enterprises and small businesses. The programs allow purchases of managed devices that have common settings already applied to make it easier for deployment.

The U.S. Census Bureau did several presentations on how to use new data tools to access and work with census data. The DCD Rural Addressing staff also did a full day of presentations on rural addressing and physical address verification procedures. There were many more great presentations too numerous to list.

The conference ended with drawings for donated prizes including calendars, various electronic utilities, gift cards, a cookie jar full of cookies, and a printer. This year's conference was the best one yet with attendees commenting that they learned a great deal and felt more in tune with the tech world.

importance of technology in the workplace and encouraged chapters to learn as much as they can while at the conference. He also explained the new direction that the ASC office was taking with chapters and how the office was going to be structured.

Google's presentations on day two was a hit with participants as Raleigh Seamster, Google Earth Outreach Coordinator, spoke of her work with indigenous cultures around the world and offered breakout sessions on Google My Maps and Google Earth. Google also participated in the 2016 conference and was very popular with the conference attendees.



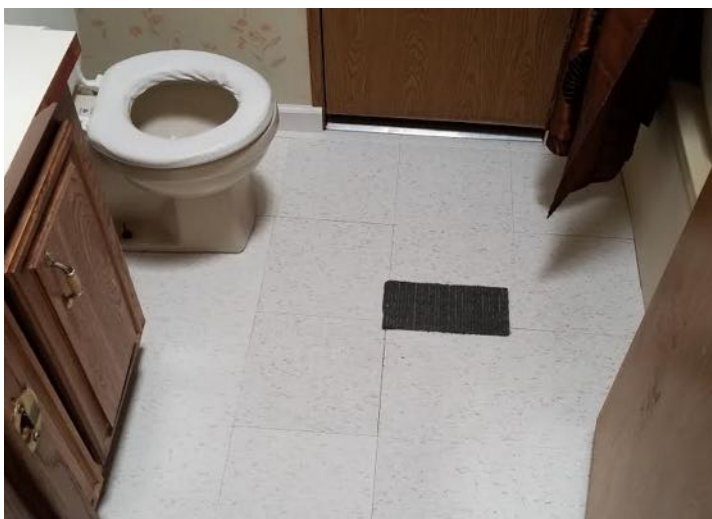
Doug Rinckes, Jarda Bengl, and Raleigh Seamster

# Ft. Defiance Veterans Home Renovations

A Fort Defiance Veteran recently had his home renovated by our DCD construction team. The veteran provided his own materials and with the help of the OPVP office they got a hold of the DCD's construction team where DCD offered their help to install, re-shingle, and rebuild the veterans porches. The DCD team's tasks included installing handrails to the front porch of the main house, demolishing and rebuilding the porch on the north side of the main house,



Ft. Defiance Veterans newly built back porch



Ft. Defiance Veterans bathroom retiled

installing a new chimney cap, re-shingling the roof of his second trailer, re-tiling both bathrooms in the main house and in the second trailer, and installing a new porch with the wheelchair ramp. DCD's construction team continues to offer their skills and outstanding workmanship as they continue to complete many more home renovation projects to help many more veterans around the Navajo Nation.

# Navajo Nation Addressing Authority

## Measuring for Physical Address-Ganado Shopping Center



Darlene Watson using measuring tool.

The most recent project for the Navajo Nation Addressing Authority is to help Ganado Shopping Center get their business physical address on the map. On March 29th 2018, M.C. Baldwin (Rural Addressing/GIS Coordinator) and Darlene Watson (Office Specialist) drove out to Burnside to get the shopping center's measurements. Darlene walked with the measuring tool alongside the road while M.C. Baldwin set up the traffic control devices with his lights flashing on the vehicle. The two had to locate the nearest milepost and begin measurements from that mile marker to the driveway of the new business building.

If one mile marker is posted closer to the driveway, that one mile marker will be used even if it is located past the driveway of the address point. With the measurements taken, the next Physical Address Verification step is locating the business with a mapping tool.



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# BULLETIN BOARD

## ***Navajo Nation Council applauds the passage of the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act***

On Thursday, the U.S. Senate passed Senate Bill 772, entitled the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act, which would amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for grants from the U.S. Department of Justice to aid in implementing the AMBER Alert system, if the measure is signed into law by President Trump.

The bill was named after 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike, a young Navajo girl that was abducted and murdered on the Navajo Nation in 2016.

Speaker of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, T'iis Tsoh Sikaad, passed by the House of Representatives on Feb. 26.

**<http://www.navajo-nsn.gov/News%20Releases/NNCouncil/2018/mar/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Navajo%20Nation%20Council>**

## ***SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED FOR FIELDING'S DOCTOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM***

President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to provide academic scholarships for up to 20 graduate students admitted to Fielding Graduate University's Doctor of Education (EdD) program.

**<https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=obf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=6bf97490a0>**

## ***PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS DROUGHT DECLARATION, STATE OF EMERGENCY***

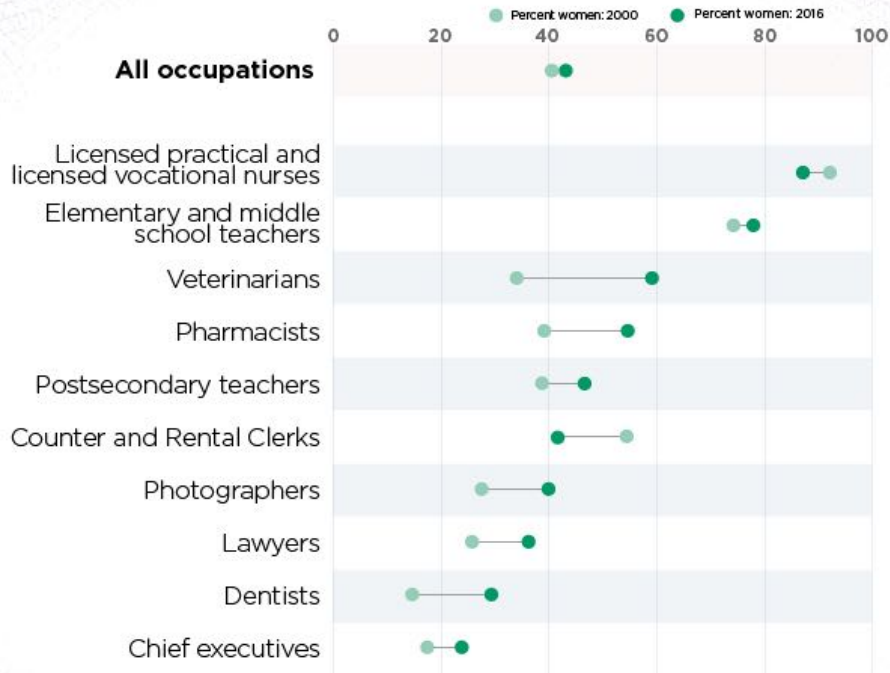
WINDOW ROCK – Today, President Russell Begaye signed the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management's (CEM) Drought State of Emergency Declaration.

"The Navajo Nation is declaring a state of drought emergency. We are a nation of farmers and ranchers and we are heavily dependent on water to provide for us," President Begaye said. "We want to be sure that we are prepared when our water supplies start to diminish at our wells, windmills and earthen dams. We know the drought will present challenges."

**<https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=obf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=4579a81>**

# Change in Women's Participation in Selected Occupations Since 2000

Full-Time, Year-Round Workers 2000 and 2016



# Women's Earnings by Occupation

Median Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers in the Past 12 Months by Sex and Occupation



# Navajo Nation Census Information Center News

## Women's History Month: March 2018

Fact for Figures | February 2018 | U.S. Census Bureau

The roots of National Women's History Month go back to March 8, 1857, when women from various New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. The first Women's Day Celebration in the United States was also in New York City in 1909, but Congress did not establish National Women's History Week until 1981 to be commemorated annually the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

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.

## Did You Know?

### 164.0 million

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The number of females in the United States as of July 2016. The number of males was 159.1 million.

### 2 to 1

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The approximate ratio by which women age 85 and older outnumbered men in 2016 (4.2 million to 2.2 million).

### 76.8 million

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The number of females age 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force in 2016. This comprises 58.1 percent of females age 16 and older.

**READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2018/womens-history.html>**



# CDBG COMPLETES POWERLINE PROJECT



The CDBG Program completed a powerline project at Kinlichee and is hard at work on another at Birdsprings. The final inspection for the Kinlichee project was done on Feb. 21, 2018. A total of 14 homes were served. \$629,508 in CDBG grant was awarded using funds left over from FY 12 and FY 11.

The 2016 Birdsprings powerline project is currently under construction and had a monitoring visit completed on Feb. 22, 2018. \$1.3 million in CDBG grant funding was awarded by HUD in 2016 for the project. A total of 20 homes will eventually be served by the powerline. The first phase of 10 homes is 100% complete and the second phase for another 10 homes is about 50% complete.

"The CDBG program is continuing with its current grant application process as President Trump signed the 2018 budget on March 22, 2018. This is actually good news for Navajo Nation and Indian country, that we can continue to use ICDBG funds for much needed infrastructure service to Navajo families. And for other tribes, they use the funding for housing rehab activities.", remarked James Adakai, PPS, CDBG Program.



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Chapter Staff  
NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS

From: Johnny P. Johnson  
Johnny P. Johnson, Department Manager II  
NNDCCD/Administrative Service Centers

Date: March 22, 2018

Subject: Upcoming Mandatory Agency Staff Meetings

Please find below a schedule of mandatory staff meetings for April, which will occur at the following agencies:

1. April 3, 2018, Crownpoint, NM, Location TBA 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2. April 4, 2018, Shiprock, NM, Gadiaahi Chapter 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
3. April 6, 2018, Ft. Defiance, AZ, Location TBA 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4. April 10, 2018, Chinle, AZ, Location TBA a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
5. April 11, 2018, Tuba City, AZ, Tuba City Chapter 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At our attention are critical concerns demanding immediate attention to where the DSC-ASC staff have developed, and will present, the 2019 budget manuals that will outline specifications for: General Funds, Gaming, Sales Tax, and Unhealthy Food Tax Funds. It is imperative that you begin working with your chapters officials to develop your 2019 budget.

Having seen the low production of coal mining and generating stations, it is highly anticipated that Navajo Nation revenues will be lower than normal. Given this fact, what may be an important factor and may work as a disadvantage for your community are unspent funds. Unspent funds means:

- ✓ Unexpended carry over funds
- ✓ Unexpended 2018, Fiscal Year Funds, (DCD-ASC observes that many of the chapters are not spending up to par, approximately 50% +/- 5% of funds should have been expended but many of the chapters are under spending at 25-30%.)

Our goal is that this lack of prudence, for whatever reason exists, does not negatively affect the normal allocation of funds awarded annually to your chapter. So, we look forward to seeing you through a smooth fluid process that can be initiated as we begin the journey into the last half of fiscal year 2018, in preparation for 2019. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call 928-871-6221.

PERSONNEL NEWS

**DCD OPEN POSITIONS**

**Chapter Community Services Coordinator:**

Round Rock, AZ

**Chapter Accounts Maintenance Specialists:**

Tsaile, AZ

Iyanbito, NM

Pinedale, NM

Alamo, NM

Kaibeto, AZ

Navajo Mountain, AZ

***ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 13, 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 computer sings the best?

A: A Dell.

Q: What's Forrest Gump's password?

A: 1forrest1

Q: What did the computer do at lunchtime?

A: Had a byte!

# 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 Tonalea	Western	12/2/14			
11 Ts'ah Bii' Kin	Western	6/24/16			
<b>TOTAL 11</b>					

**TOTAL CERTIFICATION : 45**

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>		

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