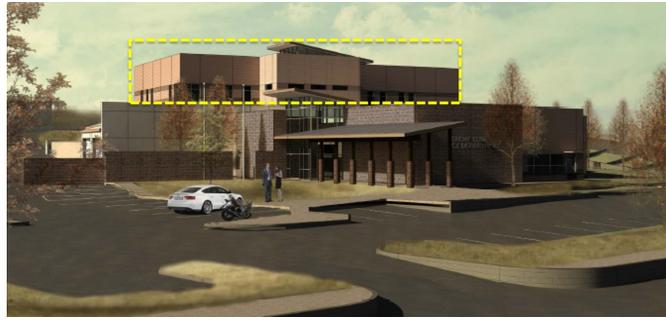




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SLPD, NCSO Developing a Joint-Use Public Safety Building

The Navajo County Sheriff’s Office has entered into a lease agreement with the City of Show Low to create a joint-use public safety facility with the Show Low Police Department. According to the lease, the Sheriff’s Office will have operational space in the new Show Low Police Headquarters for the next 20 years.

The Sheriff’s Office hopes this partnership will provide the highest quality of service to the region, as well as allowing the agency to be more effective and efficient in their work.

“From a law enforcement perspective, this partnership allows us to have a more appropriate presence in our most populated area,” Sheriff Clark said. “From an operations perspective, it helps eliminate those small costs associated with transportation and holding suspects. We will be able to fully process our suspects in one location while still being much more accessible to the public. It’s an all-around great opportunity for this office.”

The new facility is expected to have a regional dispatch center, holding cells and plenty of office space for both SLPD and NCSO to use. It also allows members of the public to easily access either department for their needs by putting both agencies in the heart of the County’s most populated city.

“This is a great opportunity from both a law enforcement and community perspective,” District IV Supervisor Steve Williams said. “It’s an efficient and cost effective way to support and create an effective law enforcement presence. It provides a central and convenient location for members of the community to address their emergency needs and questions.”

Construction began in June 2016 and is expected to last through the spring of 2017.

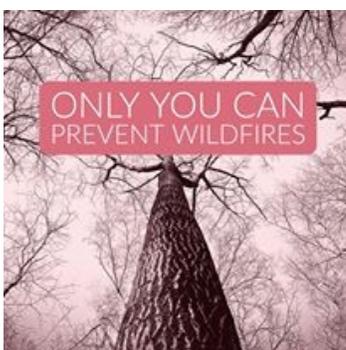


Partnership Yields \$350,000 for Road Improvements

Navajo County has partnered with the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office to secure \$350,000 to improve roads designated by Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Navajo County staff.

“Successful partnerships are key to improving the region,” Supervisor Thompson said. “This partnership has created a great opportunity to improve the roads throughout the Navajo Nation.”

NDOT, BIA and Navajo County has a fully executed Memorandum of Agreement with a term of five years. The Agreement allows Navajo County to accept funding from NDOT to provide road maintenance and improvements within six chapters throughout Navajo County on the Navajo Nation. Navajo County has identified five school bus route turn-around locations and 11 road projects for the next five years.



Cedar Fire Statistics:

Date: June 15, 2016 - July 3, 2016

Acres: 45,979

Peak Personnel: 977



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Forest Restoration Education Continues Around the County

Supervisor Whiting, along with other members of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors and Assistant County Manager/Economic Development Director Paul Watson, has been meeting with local, state and federal officials to educate them community leaders on forest restoration and how it can benefit the region.

“We have the resources and the equipment to develop a strong timber industry in our area,” Supervisor Whiting said. “Modern day equipment is amazing. We are able to go in now and use every aspect of the tree for a purpose. It allows us to make the forests safer for our communities.”

The Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) has been awarded the largest landscape contract in Forest Service history. The group is currently working in the Coconino National Forest, but officials hope to bring the efforts east to Navajo and Apache Counties.

Navajo County and the US Army Corps of Engineers are Working to Revamp the Winslow Levee

Navajo County District II Supervisor Jesse Thompson, along with members of the Navajo County Public Works Department, have continued discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the improvement project for the Levee system that protects the City of Winslow.

“The levee is a critical need to protect the City of Winslow,” District II Supervisor Jesse Thompson said. “Public safety is our priority. That is what we’ve been discussing with the Army Corps.”

The current levee system in place was decertified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and poses a public safety hazard if flooding were to occur. In order to accommodate the new levee system, members of the Army Corps would need to realign open spaces around the current system. However, this realignment should not cause any Winslow residents to relocate.



Navajo County Fair

The Navajo County Fair, Inc. will be celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Navajo County Fair & Rodeo!

The first Navajo County Fair was held in Taylor, AZ in 1926. In 1931 the County Supervisors decided to move the County Fair to Holbrook due to it being the county seat and its central location in the county.

The fairgrounds and other facilities were built as a permanent location for the county fair, and it has been held at that location every year since!



Cyber Security: The Risks of Pokémon Go

The FBI warned of potential physical and cyber security risks with the Pokémon Go app during a briefing. Even before the people will ill intention started to misuse the app, there were security risks.

First, the owners of the app have complete access to the mobile device in use. This includes data, address books or anything else stored on the device. The devices are also tracked with GPS revealing the users exact location.

Second, if the app is loaded from an untrustworthy website, there is a chance it is already infected with malware.

Third, anyone using the app (especially kids) should be VERY aware that they are not lured into a real-world trap which could lead to mugging or abduction. As stated earlier, players can be tracked through the device’s GPS.



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BOS Declares September as Preparedness Month

The Board of Supervisors has proclaimed that September 2016 is "Preparedness Month" across Navajo County, with the theme of "Don't Wait, Communicate!"

Each week during the month of September the Emergency Management team will be reminding employees and citizens of what they can do to be better prepared in case of any emergencies.



WM Apache Tribe Welcomes New Council Members

The White Mountain Apache Tribe swore in District I Councilman Arnold Beach Sr, District II Councilman Jerold Tom Altaha, District III Councilman Ralph J. Thomas and District IV Councilman Everett Massey during an Inauguration Ceremony on May 4, 2016.

"This was a tremendous event, and I'm thrilled to welcome the new Tribal Council Members," District V Supervisor Dawnafe Whitesinger said. "I hope to continue the strong relationships built with the previous regimes."

Elected officials from around the region joined WMAT officials at the Chief Alchesay Activity Center in Whiteriver to honor the newly elected District Councilmen.



Emergency Management Staying Prepared for Any Situation

With County fair season quickly approaching the Public Health Preparedness team led a tabletop exercise with the scenario being a contagious influenza outbreak that is traced back to touching swine at the County fair.

The exercise was designed to get partners from the Fair, U of A Cooperative Extension service, Department of Agriculture, emergency management, law enforcement, Public Health, private livestock food producers, local hospitals, health services and Abbie Reidhead, a local veterinarian, to examine their existing plans and how they could better incorporate response plans from other agencies to build and strengthen responder partnerships. Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Jason Whiting, participated in the exercise and thanked all participants for taking time from their busy schedules to promote safety, preparedness and strengthening partnerships.

Monument Valley High School Recognizes Standout Athletes from the 80s in their Newest Hall of Fame Class

Navajo County donated \$500 to Monument Valley High School's Hall of Fame program so the school can continue to recognize the tremendous athletes of past.

"As a Monument Valley graduate, it's a lot of fun to bring back the old stars," Supervisor Black said. "Last year we honored the 70s, which is my era, and you could tell it meant a lot to those guys."

The event is carried out by the MVHS Athletics Department each year.



In Case of Emergency:



Don't Wait, Communicate!