

A:shiwi A:wan Messenger



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Message from the Governor and Tribal Council

Ko' don dewannan a:deyaye hon a:wan a:ho'i.

As the 2022 calendar year and our traditional year begin, we, the Governor and Zuni Tribal Council, want to share this message.

For the last two years, we have stood united and fought COVID-19. We have remained vigilant by adhering to health orders that mandated social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a mask. We truly appreciate your individual efforts and efforts by our community workers who have diligently provided health care and other vital services. Many of these services are a necessity for our members, especially our elders.

We can say that we have overcome the worst of the pandemic. However, we must continue to be

strong in our safety measures. Key to combating this deadly virus are the COVID-19 vaccines. With vaccines and boosters available to almost everyone in the Zuni community, di'sho:maha, get vaccinated and receive your booster shot. Make it a personal challenge to make sure all your eligible family members are vaccinated.

Let's all look forward to a new and prosperous new year. Let us remember our guiding values, remember to respect our traditional way of life, love and protect one another, and continue to be proud of who we are and where we came from.

The Governor and Tribal Council wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Elahkwa.

Taking Care of Our Veterans, Widows, and Their Families

Since June of 2021 to December 2021, the Zuni Veterans Program was fortunate to provide services to all of the eligible veterans and widows who resided in Zuni with the CARES funding. Heading into the second year of the pandemic, the hardship continued to impact all the veterans, widows, and their families. This was a year of re-establishing their livelihoods, but it was still a struggle for most. Because of the cost increase in food and other necessary supplies, assistance included a monthly food voucher to Halona Marketplace or Major Market, payment of light bills, propane fills, bags of wood pellets for those who owned pellet stoves, PPE supplies, and holiday meal baskets in November and December. The supplemental services were greatly appreciated and the support from the local vendors helped the program meet the needs of our clients. Vendor staff also went out of their way to ensure that we were equipped with what we needed. A special thanks to Major Market and their partners for providing the "sweets" to add to our Holiday meal baskets, which was very thoughtful and generous. Program staff followed all safety protocols for Covid-19 during the outreach events.

In addition, Ms. Ericha Fabay with the American Veterans Care Association from San Jose, CA, made a visit on December 8 - 9, 2021. Her organization assists veterans throughout the United States, and we were fortunate to get on her radar. 64 meal baskets were delivered to the veterans in the community on both days. She is

Office of Planning and Development Update

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the park improvements include concrete walkways, a dance area, concrete walls with military branch seals, bleacher seating and an awning.

Artistic contributions from local artists were included in the park improvements and are included in the sidewalk, paver art, wall design and sculptures. Local artists Narren Bowannie, Rueben Ghahate and Carlton Jamon worked with the Veterans Design team and consultant, MWRM, LLC, throughout the master planning process.

Jeff Shetima and Keli'I Eli were selected by the Veterans Design Team to create life size



Artwork by Narren Bowannie

sculptures that represent the eagle, bear, coyote and mountain lion. The sculptures will be unveiled at the grand opening. The Tribal Roads program

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Tribal Investments Update

The Pueblo of Zuni has been working with a team of financial advisors from Morgan Stanley for more than five years. The four advisors that make up the team have offices in New Mexico and Arizona. Over the last five years, the Zuni Tribe has made tremendous improvements to our financial management and well-being.

More recently, we have successfully navigated the challenges created by COVID-19, and Zuni has dramatically improved its financial position during these difficult times. The following information we are presenting in this article provides you with important information regarding how the Zuni Tribe's financial investments have been performing and where we are today heading into 2022.

Let's begin with the overall investment portfolio of funds. It has produced at a rate of 10% per year, or \$15 million since the beginning of COVID-19. This period of time during the pandemic has been treacherous financially for many governments, businesses, and individuals as well. Working with the financial advisors at Morgan Stanley and the Zuni Investment Committee we have been able to realize very reasonable financial growth while maintaining stability in our asset allocations. This simply means with the advice and oversight of Morgan Stanley and the Zuni Investment Committee, we stayed the course during these challenging times and didn't overreact or overcompensate based on adverse reports in the media about financial collapse.

Another very important financial update is the Zuni employee retirement plan (401k). The plan's performance was a significant concern five years ago. However, over the past five years the plan has averaged a 10% per year return, and averaged over 13% during the COVID-19 period of time. These returns are more than double what the return was in 2016. The improvements in the Zuni Retirement Plan will allow people to have an improved quality of life once they choose to retire.

During 2021, the Zuni Investment Committee, which advises the Tribal Council and Governor on management of Zuni funds, has worked extensively to update the Zuni Investment Policy Statement (IPS). The Investment Policy Statement is the governing document that determines how Zuni funds will be invested and spent. The modernization of this document will improve the performance of Zuni funds for current and future generations.

Zuni received over \$70 million from the Federal Government in COVID-19 relief money. These funds have been invested according to the Zuni Investment Policy Statement and have produced additional returns of over \$600,000 for Zuni in just the few months it has been invested. Returns from the overall Zuni portfolio have been utilized to make significant improvements in the quality of life for the Zuni community by supplementing vital governmental operations.

As we head into 2022, it is both an honor and a privilege to report this very positive Zuni Financial Investment Update to the community. We will continue to meticulously oversee and manage these funds for the Zuni people.

Elahkwa.

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a very caring and giving individual with so much energy! She made an initial visit in June of this year and informed us that she would be back, and indeed she returned! She will be making another visit in May of next year and we are looking forward to it.

Lastly, the Veterans Memorial Park is in its Second Phase of construction. Phase II was initiated on September 27, 2021, to install the screen walls north of the park. 4 sculptures will be placed in between the existing pillars, and paver art on the south end in front of the pillars. The concrete has been poured for the paver art and one side of the screen wall. The weather slightly delayed the work, but the contractors were able to complete their work. Accent Construction has done a great job so far. They will continue the work after the holidays. A shout out to the Office of Planning and Development, Vanessa Laahty and Tara Peina, for all their hard work and assistance in getting this project going. Most of all, we would like to extend our appreciation to our local artists for helping to design the Memorial park: Narren Bowannnie, Rueben Ghahate, Carlton Jamon, Jeff Shetima and Keli'i Eli. We look forward to the project being completed in April of 2022. It will be a sight to see! The Veterans Program is looking forward to a new and better year in 2022. Various outreach services will continue to be provided; check our Facebook page for updates.

Thanking all our partners for their support and everyone who contributed to our success in 2021.



Greetings from the Zuni Game & Fish Department



The Zuni Game and Fish department would like to welcome aboard first time ever two Certified Animal Control Officers Justin Chavez and Calbert Ondelacy.



ACO II Justin Chavez ACO I Calbert Ondelacy

Animal Control Officer positions were created in 2019 due to the high demand of animal related calls for service. Zuni Game and Fish Department is now fully staffed with Tribal Rangers and Animal control officers who will be on duty 7 days a week. Animal control Officers along with Zuni Tribal Rangers all respond and handle animal related and/or live-stock calls within the Zuni Village boundaries.

The Zuni Game and Fish Tribal Rangers and Animal control officers are currently attending meetings with Zuni housing authority and Zuni tribal programs updating the Zuni Animal Control Ordinance # 28.

Please feel free to stop and talk with these Animal control officers and Tribal Rangers. The Zuni Game and Fish department is moving forward and working hard to improve the overall public safety and health within our Sacred Zuni Reservation.

Call Zuni Police dispatch at 782-4494/4493 for any Animal control service.

Please contact Zuni Game and Fish department at 782-7224/7226/7727



Our office has moved to its new location since November 22, 2021.

**Our new office is located at:
164 B Ave Space C.**

Right across from the I.H.S Hospital Emergency Entrance.

Ojo, Eustace Lake, Blackrock and Nutria #2 stocked with Rainbow Trout

The Division of Natural Resources: Fish & Wildlife Department is pleased to notify the community that due to Summer 2021 monsoon rains, many of our Zuni reservoirs received sufficient amounts of moisture to partially fill some of the lakes. Careful monitoring of the water quality in the lakes has been done by the department to ensure that fish stocking could be supported.

The water quality is good to very good, and the following reservoir lakes have been stocked with Rainbow Trout: Ojo Caliente, Eustace (1st Lake), Blackrock, and Nutria #2. An additional fish stocking is planned.

The fishing opportunity is ONLY available to Zuni community residents and non-Zuni community members. Please follow all fishing rules and regulations, and make sure to get a new fishing license if your license has expired. The standard license fees and licensing time periods have been reinstated. Please contact Zuni Fish & Wildlife department at 505-782-5851 with any questions, or to report any concerns regarding fishing activities.

ZUD's Disconnection Moratorium Ended

This serves as notice that the Zuni Utility Department's Disconnection Moratorium ended December 3, 2021.

- Effective January 3, 2022, ZUD accounts with outstanding past due balances may be disconnected for nonpayment
- Notices will be sent out January 7, 2022
- Disconnections will start on January 28, 2022

For any questions or concerns please contact our office at (505) 782-5654.

Accreditation of ACCRC Continues

Accreditation of ACCRC Continues. Since A:shiwi College and Career Readiness Center was established by Governor Panteah and the Zuni Tribal Council, ACCRC staff have worked to stabilize operations, develop outreach plans and develop the capacity and capability to seek independent accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. This is a lengthy and complicated process, but the staff have developed a number of necessary documents, policies and procedures to gain eligibility. This process continues and is supported by the Zuni Tribal Council and a great majority of community members and students surveyed.

The A:shiwi College and Career Readiness Center currently serves as an Instructional Site of Navajo Technical University under a Memorandum of Agreement. This status has allowed us to gain an understanding about tribal colleges, develop our experience and expertise as a tribal college, and receive accreditation under NTU from the Higher Learning Commission. We are grateful for the friendship and support of Dr. Elmer Guy and the NTU Board of Regents for this amazing opportunity and support.

The ACCRC Executive Director and staff are following the logic model (shown on page 3) for the creation of tribal colleges, as provided by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) and the Bureau of Indian Education, Higher Education (BIE). The table shows the steps required to progress toward the goal of becoming eligible to submit a request to these agencies, and their order.

The ACCRC presently meets the majority of the model's requirements and will continue working with the Advisory Council to assure that all required items are reviewed and supported.

A:shiwi Tribal College Advisory Council appointed:

The Zuni Tribal Council appointed a six-member Advisory Council to assist the ACCRC to comply with AIHEC and BIE requirements for accreditation. The Advisory Council will review policies and accreditation documents, make operational recommendations to the ACCRC Executive Director and staff, as well as inform the Zuni Tribal Council of progress and needs toward accreditation. **The Advisory Council members are:** Lt. Governor, Carleton R. Bowekaty, Ex-Officio member; Bernadette Panteah; Thalia Natachu; Tina Bowannie (Student representative); Tyler Lastiyano; and Dan Simpicio. We are grateful for the expertise and perspectives each represents and know that they sincerely work toward meeting the higher educational and career development needs of the community. Presently, the Advisory Council has been engaged with reviewing and strengthening the Vision and Mission of the proposed A:shiwi Tribal College. The next items they will review and comment on are the tribal college Charter and the accompanying resolution that will be acted upon next year.

New Grants Awarded to ACCRC Support Community Empowerment and Early Education:

The ACCRC received notice of funding from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for two exciting projects:

Looking for a Few Good Cooks

Build your Culinary Arts skills through ACCRC's Culinary Arts Program

Program start: A:shiwi College & Career Readiness Center is still accepting applicants for our Professional Cooking class for the community starting this Spring semester at A:shiwi College. The program is open to adult community members who want to pursue an AA Certificate in Culinary Arts.

Accreditation: The program is sponsored jointly by A:shiwi College and the Pueblo of Zuni, and accredited by Navajo Technical University.

Instructor: Jaye Wilkinson is a retired professional Chef who focuses on fresh, healthy cooking and baking techniques using local products from area suppliers. She is graduated from the Seattle Central College with a degree from the School of Culinary Arts and owns an organic farm in the Timberlake area. Her focus is on small-group and personalized instruction in cooking and baking.

The basic eligibility is: A high school diploma or GED; a passion for cooking and wanting to learn new cooking skills.

Class size & Location: Limited to 10 students with all COVID precautions and restrictions observed. The culinary arts facility is located at A:shiwi College in the CA modular facility. The facility was inspected by the IHS Environmental Health Department and has passed inspection.

Contact: Call or email Laura Leekela, Student Services Department Associate, at (505) 782-6022 or laura.leekela@ashiwi.org. She can assist with registration, application completion and financial aid.

Grow your skills and resilience by registering for this inaugural class starting January 18.

Creative Arts & Entrepreneurship Center:

A grant of \$250,000 was provided to create a Creative Arts and Entrepreneurship Center at A:shiwi College to strengthen and support local, family-based businesses. The purpose of the grant is to support community Artisans with technical and digital skills, including computer skills to strengthen their marketing and sales. The program also has a high-quality Hasselblad Camera and IMAC to produce high quality photos of Artisan products for internet marketing and sales. Artisans are welcome to use this resource and may contact Tyler Sice, Project Coordinator at (505)-879-7930, or tyker.sice@ashiwi.org to make an appointment. The ACCRC plans to re-institute an arts program at the College, and this grant will assist to promote traditional pottery making, painting, drawing, print making, fabric design and ceramics. Later when the new kiln arrives, we will allow community firing for a small fee at the College.

The program is located in a modular facility donated by the Shakopee Midwakanton Tribal Nation, and has a drop-in center, camera capability and WIFI for demonstrations and teaching. Artisans are welcome to stop by.

Early Childhood Zuni Language Immersion Program:

A grant of \$450,00 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation was provided to the ACCRC and the Pueblo of Zuni to support the development of an early childhood language immersion program at the college. The program will serve a cohort of 10 children with supportive services to parents and families. The ACCRC staff (Dr. R. Lowsayatee and B. Tsabetsaye) and the Executive Director are researching Indigenous models of language immersion to include Maori, Native Hawaiian as well as other Pueblo and tribal language immersion programs. This program will support Zuni language fluency among children and their families.

American Rescue Plan Act Tribal Grant for Capital Projects:

Related to the two above grants is the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds provided to the Pueblo of Zuni. We are so grateful to the Governor, Lt. Governor and Tribal Council for providing these funds to plan and construct an Early Childhood Center at the college to house the language immersion program. The Governor and Council have advocated that the Zuni language be given greater

priority by local educational institutions to include the ACCRC, Zuni Public Schools and others to promote tribal language literacy. The funds provided will support construction of a new ECE facility at the college, design and architectural services, as well as construction.

The tribal grant will also fund the renovation and expansion of the art room facility at the college so more space is available to promote the creative arts and entrepreneurship program.

Buffalo Design Architects was selected by RFP to provide the design and document development services for the ECE and creative arts programs.

Strengthening the Tribal WIFI Network:

The ACCRC in coordination with the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Council has developed an independent tribal wireless WIFI network for the community. The tribe applied for and received FCC authorization for the 2.5Ghz Band Spectrums which cross our reservation. These bands (5 channels) are under the sovereign control of the Zuni Tribe. Initially, the ACCRC in partnership with a non-profit (Muralnet LLC) developed a small WIFI capability to close the "homework gap" by providing free wireless services to students K-12 and higher education that did not have access to commercial or other means of broadband internet. This worked, but the system was soon found to be insufficient for the community. Since then, we have obtained ARPA funds from the tribe and a \$50,000 grant from the State of NM to enhance the WIFI by purchasing and installing stronger broadcast radios, antennas and CPE modems and routers. The Zuni Tribal Council authorized the use of the Blackrock water tower to mount the antennas and radios as well as the tribal tower in the village.

This equipment upgrade work has been completed, and field testing and adjustments will occur in early January. Then outdoor modems and routers will be placed in or on homes without broadband services. The priorities will remain as stated and the service is free:

- Students grades K-12 with no access to broadband internet at home;
- students of ACCRC or other colleges without broadband or wireless at home;
- and community entrepreneurs and family business owners with access to WIFI or broadband internet. Call Elvis Panteah at

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(505) 782-6015, or email him as elvis.panteah@ashiwi.org to make an appointment.

Other News:

Dr. Rile selected as Director of Student Services at ACCRC:

Dr. Luis Rile was selected to be the Director of Student Services at the college. He brings many years of service to Zuni on areas of student services, teaching and work in other colleges and universities. He is currently undergoing training with Navajo Technical University on student accountability software and procedures to support students. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Rile, and stop in to check out courses, schedules or register for a class.

Dr. Reynelle Lowsayatee:

Reynelle Lowsayatee, our Director of Academics and Applied Indigenous Studies, completed her dissertation and received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of New Mexico on 12/16/21. We are very happy for Dr. Lowsayatee and proud of her accomplishment.

AIHEC Logic Model for Establishing a Tribal College or University (2007)

PHASE 1: Initial Steps	PHASE 2: Confirm Decision to Move Forward	PHASE 3: Establish the Tribal College	PHASE 4: Become Operational	PHASE 5: Continued Growth & Sustainability
Initial decision to establish a college and move forward	Conduct a Feasibility Study to include a Needs Assessment (should indicate extent to which there is critical mass to support a college)	Develop and approve a charter.	Develop guiding documents, i.e., the philosophy, vision, mission, and goals	Follow planning document
Be knowledgeable of the history, mission, and purpose of tribal colleges, as well as the history of the tribal college movement	Determine availability of resources, including financial support and facilities	Develop and approve a charter	Recruit, interview, and hire president, faculty, and staff	Seek stable funding sources and other resources to support existing and future growth in faculty and staff, academics and other programming, and facilities
Form an Advisory Board or group to assist with decision-making	Assess key relationships with the tribe, community, and local colleges and universities	Include by-laws and provisions for a governing board	Determine budget	Seek AIHEC membership. Work toward eligibility for TCCUA and Land Grant funding
Get community / tribal support	Reaffirm decision to move forward to establish a college	Appoint the governing board	Develop academic program. Recruit students and offer classes	Work toward and secure accreditation*
	Contact and inform AIHEC of intent to establish a tribal college	Begin establishing partnerships or articulation agreements with existing colleges and universities	Develop a college strategic plan	Sustain and improve working relationships with all stakeholders
	Return to Phase One as needed	Strengthen relationship with the tribe and communities	Secure location and facilities	Return to Phases One-Four as needed
		Contact AIHEC for technical assistance and support	Plan toward accreditation and AIHEC membership	
		Return to Phases One and Two as needed	Establish working group with the tribe, community, and established colleges	
			Return to Phases One-Three as needed	

2021-2022 Zuni Royalty Announced

During his first term in office, Governor Val Panteah saw the need to bring back the Miss Zuni Pageant, which had been absent for 7 years. The Zuni Royalty Organization was created in 2015 under the leadership of Darlynn Panteah as Chair, Janis Bowekaty as Vice Chair, and Verina Seoutewa as Secretary/Treasurer. Subsequently, members Cheryl Sandy, Monica Chapito-Soseeah and Juanita Edaakie joined the Organization.

The mission of the Zuni Royalty Organization is to provide an environment that encourages Zuni youth to embrace Zuni culture and traditions through positive interaction and representation of the Zuni People. The purpose of the Miss Zuni and Jr. Miss Zuni titles is to provide a personal and professional platform for young Zuni women to promote Zuni culture and positively represent the Zuni community. It provides a forum for today's young Zuni women to express their pride in Zuni culture and language/traditions through their viewpoints, talents and accomplishments.

Each year, we recruit possible candidates to vie for the titles of Miss Zuni, Jr. Miss Zuni, Zuni Prince and Zuni Princess. Our Zuni youth are very talented, smart, and articulate, so this is a means for them to exhibit their personalities. We encourage our Zuni youth to experience a future pageant, and ask the parents, families and community to support their endeavors as they are brave and courageous to take on this challenging opportunity.

Due to the pandemic, during 2020, we extended titles for our Royalty to 2 years. During 2021, the ZRO decided to hold their pageant on October 27-28, 2021. Our Coronation took place on November 13, 2021, and we are happy to introduce our newly crowned Royalty for 2021-2022.



Miss Zuni Shanell C. Leekya
Parents: Marcus and Philecita Leekya
Clans: Crow, Child of Turkey



Jr. Miss Zuni Kiyana L. Kallestewa
Parents: Zoltanica Peyketeewa, Stepfather Landin Boone, Father Verneille Kallestewa
Clans: Badger, Child of Crow



Zuni Princess Cadence K. Cachini
Parents: Troy and Darcy Cachini
Clans: Eagle, Child of Bear



Zuni Prince Jamaul T. Allapowa
Parents: Gwendolyn Chavez, Stepfather Robert Shack, Jr.
Clans: Bear, Child of Tobacco



86% OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO NEVER HAD A DRINK OF ALCOHOL, REPORTED FEELING CONNECTED TO THEIR FAMILY.

LET'S CONTINUE TO PROMOTE HEALTHY CONNECTIONS WITH OUR CHILDREN.

Ways to Build Healthy Connections

- Spend quality time
 - Family dinners
 - Family game nights
- Have open conversations
 - Exchange stories
 - Validate others feelings
- Be supportive and encourage one another
 - Attend child's sports games and extra-curricular activities
 - Praise your child for healthy behaviors
- Set boundaries
 - Treat everyone with respect
- Create fun family traditions



Data Source: 2020 ZTPP Youth Strength-Based Survey



Zuni Royalty pictured with Miss Indian New Mexico Autumn Montoya



Google Doodle: The Late We:wa

In the late evening of October 31, 2021, Google launched an interactive Doodle featuring the late We:wa. We:wa was a special person from Zuni's history. The late We:wa was a diplomat, teacher, artist, advocate for Zuni rights/beliefs, and in today's cisgender terminology, would be identified as Transgender.

A keyword search on any internet search engine of "Google Doodle We:wa" will lead you to the Google Doodle homepage where you can see the amazing artwork of Zuni's own Mallery Quetawki and hear the Zuni Olla Maidens while you weave (play the game), and learn a little more about the late We:wa's life. You will also find a "Behind the Doodle" video for more visual information, along with a brief write up on the late We:wa, and learn more from the Artist.

While this opportunity is most certainly new and a little strange to some, we hope this provides a special conversation about acceptance and how important it is to honor our past in the best possible way.

The A:shiwi A:wan Museum and Heritage Center and the Pueblo of Zuni Archives have had the honor to work with this special project, and if we missed a few things, I hope they can be included in your conversations with others.



Text from the Google Doodle Page:

In honor of Native American Heritage Month in the U.S., today's (11/1/21) interactive Doodle—illustrated by Zuni Pueblo guest artist Mallery Quetawki—celebrates Zuni (A:shiwi) Native American fiber artist, weaver, and potter the late We:wa (wee-wah). As a Łamana (thah-mah-nah), the late We:wa was a revered cultural leader and mediator within the Zuni tribe, devoting their life to the preservation of Zuni traditions and history.

As advised by the Zuni tribe, it is discouraged to speak of community members who have passed on within the present tense. Therefore, we refer to We:wa as "the late We:wa" out of respect for their memory and spirit.

The term "Two Spirit" became widely adopted in the 1990s to encompass the various non-binary gender identities and expressions amongst Indigenous peoples. In the Zuni tribe, Łamana is the recognized third gender outside of the male-female binary system. Historical records have used both "he" and "she" pronouns in reference to Łamana and the late We:wa. Because Łamana and many modern Indigenous Two-Spirit people are considered distinct from male and female genders, we have aligned with our Zuni community collaborators and elected to use the ungendered singular pronoun "they."

The late We:wa was born of the Donashi:kwi (Badger clan) and a child of the Bit'chi:kwe (Dogwood clan) around 1849 in Zuni Pueblo, a community indigenous to the land that is now known as New Mexico. In the Zuni tribe, Łamana is a recognized third gender outside of the male-female binary system and revered as a traditional cultural concept reflecting harmony and balance. Like most Łamana, at a young age the late We:wa began learning a variety of skills done by both men and women in the tribe. They became an expert weaver, a role traditionally taken on by men in the community, and created textiles using different looms. After years of training, the late We:wa became one of the first Zuni craftspeople to sell ceramics and woven goods to non-Indigenous people, which catalyzed the process of Indigenous crafts being appreciated as a fine art in the U.S.

The late We:wa also mastered essential Zuni beliefs, songs, and ceremonies to become a highly respected spiritual leader in the community. Their cultural expertise led to the late We:wa traveling with American anthropologists James and Matilda Stevenson to Washington, D.C. in 1885 in hopes of fostering cultural exchange. During the late We:wa's landmark visit to the U.S. capital, they called upon high-ranking U.S. officials to protect Zuni lands and culture from encroaching settlers.

Even in the face of colonial policy, which threatens Indigenous peoples nationwide, the late We:wa's dedication to their community never faltered. They returned to Zuni Pueblo, where they spent the remainder of their life as an artist and community leader. Today, the late We:wa's legacy lives on in the approximately 10,000 Zuni people who safeguard the rich tapestry of Zuni heritage, and retain one of the most uninterrupted cultural lineages of modern Indigenous tribal communities in the United States.

Keyword search: "We:wa Google Doodle" to give the art of weaving a try in the interactive Doodle in honor of the late We:wa and their craft!

Guest Artist Q&A with Mallery Quetawki

Today's Doodle was illustrated by Zuni Pueblo guest artist Mallery Quetawki. Below, she shares her thoughts behind the making of this Doodle:

Q. What does creating a Doodle for the late We:wa mean to you personally? *Personally, creating the We:wa Doodle was an honor, as We:wa was such a warm and generous individual who exemplified our core values as A:shiwi. To be representing my people on this Doodle is another honor that I will always be thankful for. We are a village filled with talented artists and I am absolutely grateful for this honor to represent our history and to tell it using our art.*

Q. How did you approach illustrating the late We:wa's story? Did you seek guidance from anyone else in the tribe? *I was very fortunate to accompany our keepers of traditional knowledge to Washington D.C. a couple years ago to visit the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. On this trip I was able to view the collection created or collected during We:wa's stay in DC in the late 1800's. That up-close connection to our people's past and We:wa's role in our government relations with the U.S. gave me another sense of pride in where I come from. I was able to learn directly from*

our religious leaders and cultural keepers of knowledge of the items in that museum collection. I have kept that knowledge with me, as well as the research I had done on We:wa in a college course describing the dual gender roles that can be seen in our tribe. The very few photos of We:wa were not the only images I used to create the portrait. I made sure I included the character that We:wa was both in social and cultural contexts.

Q. What stands out most for you from the late We:wa's story and legacy? *The idea that We:wa was our first ambassador between the U.S. Government and the tribe is very impressive. We:wa learned English to aid our tribal leaders in DC. However, the biggest story to me that has pulled at my heartstrings is how he and his husband adopted so many children who had no one else. They had a wealthy household—not based on money and material, but on the warmth of his character in helping those in need and being in that dual role of spiritual and social guidance. He was a very devout person in our culture and religion and was thus blessed in life with his ability to speak to others and his craft at weaving and pottery. We:wa was a caregiver in both our physical and spiritual realms.*

Q. What do you hope people will take away from this Doodle? *I hope that people become aware of our traditional customs and the fact that they are very much in practice currently. Our ancient ways of life are still here and we can all learn from one another. We:wa was a male individual who lived as a woman. He is an ancestor of ours whom we think of so dearly.*

If we could all be caring and empathetic to one another we can all live We:wa's legacy.

The Late We:wa Doodle Team:

Guest Artist | Mallery Quetawki

Music | Juanita Edaakie and Loretta Beyuka from the Zuni Olla Maidens

Art Director | Sophie Diao

UX Design | Anthony Irwin

Engineering | Jonathan Shneier, Katherine Lee, Gemma Nash, Stephanie Gu

Yarn Wranglers | Jordan Thompson, Mark Ivey, Daniel Dovali

Producer | Greg Capuano

Sound Design | Silas Hite

Marketing & Partnerships | Sierra Menzies, Perla Campos

Business Affairs & Partnerships | Madeline Belliveau

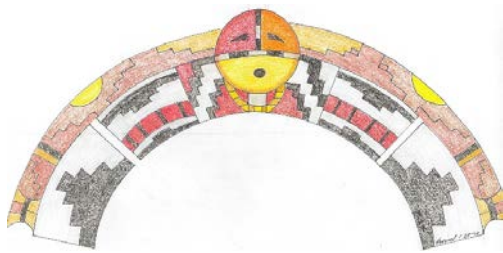
Doodle Team Leads | Jessica Yu, Brian Kaas, Nate Swinehart

Consultants | Google Aboriginal and Indigenous Network

A special thank you to Curtis Quam, Cordelia Hooee, and the A:shiwi A:wan Museum and Heritage Center for their key support on this project.



assisted with the unloading of the material for the artists.



Artwork by Rueben Ghahate

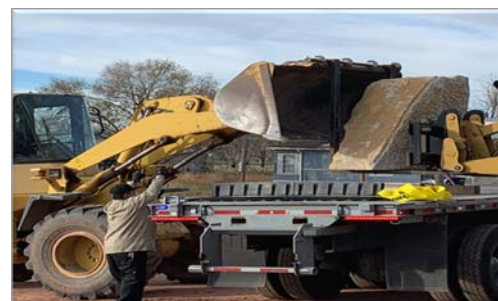


Wall design by Carlton Jamon

Construction is approximately 30% complete. The southern portion of the concrete walkway, seating benches, concrete wall footings and east concrete wall have been completed. Following a holiday shutdown, construction is scheduled to resume January 4th, weather permitting.



Unloading Jeff Shetima's rock material



Unloading of rock material for Keli'i Eli



ROUTE 4 DEVELOPMENT (AKA CDA)

Route 4 Development was initially designed focusing on commercial development to allow local small business owners and outside business developers to build within the reservation, providing jobs for our Tribal members, and generating other sources of revenue for the Tribe. In addition, Route 4 Development was designed to address the housing shortage among our community members and workforce populations.

The Tribe is currently working on establishing the economic branch of the Tribe and has made the decision to focus on residential development while concurrently working on developing the economic branch. Buffalo Design Architects was selected as the consultant to assist the Tribe in revisiting the existing Master Plan approved in September, 2009, with the focus on residential development. Subconsultants to Buffalo Design include Consensus Planning, Hozho Engineering and Hansell Group. The goal is to update the existing Masterplan with areas identified for residential and commercial development, utility alignments, roadway infrastructure, etc. Construction documents for the proposed residential development will be based off the approved Master Plan.



Panoramic view of Route 4 Development area looking south toward Dowla Yalanne

On May 12, 2021, a kick-off meeting was held via zoom with Tribal Leaders, Tribal programs from the Division of Public Works, Division of Public Safety, Division of Natural Resources, Zuni Housing Authority, Zuni Public School District and Buffalo Design. Subsequent meetings have been held with project stakeholders throughout the year and additional meetings are planned for the upcoming 2022 year. There will be public meetings (dependent on current Public Health Regulations), and community surveys to get input from members of our community on this significant endeavor by the Tribe. Be on the lookout for surveys and meetings. We value your input!

CELL TOWERS

The new cell towers were installed at the Tribal Administration Building (60-foot mono-tower), and at the Cell Tower Ridge (198-foot tower), on November 11, 2021. These are the first two towers that are owned and operated by the Tribe, which is a significant accomplishment. The new towers are equipped to host other cellular providers interested in providing cellular service to Zuni.



Installation of the 198-foot tower at the ridge site

Upcoming planning activities for 2022 include:

- Finalizing the Community Building (AKA Fair Building), Design plans and seeking funding for construction. Construction is estimated at \$7-8 million dollars.
- Completing the Route 4 Master Plan. Initiate design phase for residential development.
- Initiating the Multi-Sports Complex project. This project will include developing a Master Recreational Plan for a proposed facility, improving existing recreational areas,

developing ADA accessible trails and connecting existing trailheads with new trails.



Installation of the 60-foot cell tower at the Tribal Administration building

Zuni Pueblo MainStreet Promotes Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday® was created to bring more holiday shoppers to local small businesses. In 2011, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution in support of this day. Since its beginning, Small Business Saturday has gained momentum and is promoted in all 50 states by local MainStreet and other local organizations, including local governments. Support from companies and organizations such as FedEx, the Small Business Administration, and Main Street America have strengthened communities throughout the country. Even the President of the United States gives a shout out for Small Business Saturday.

The 2021 Small Business Saturday event promoted by Zuni Pueblo MainStreet brought out vendors who are a continued part of Zuni's economy. Local brick and mortar businesses were promoted throughout the day. The one-day event was also promoted by two local dance groups: Kwili Yala and Hakunah. Shoppers from Zuni and the surrounding communities, and visitors passing through, found gifts for family and friends.



Zuni Pueblo MainStreet encourages Zuni residents to support local businesses throughout the year to strengthen the local economy. You are helping to employ locals, and the taxes collected help provide government services. Shopping at big box stores is convenient, but you will find treasures at small businesses. Look for gifts for yourself and others at the local galleries, have a makeover at our local hair salon, hire a local mechanic to keep your vehicle running smoothly, purchase groceries locally, and don't forget the local cuisine. Thank you for supporting our local businesses!

Shop Small. Shop Local. Shop Shiwi!

Transfer Station Reinforces “No Hot Ashes” Rule

Greetings from the Transfer Station.

As we move on into the New Year, we would like to inform our community on the reasons why we let everybody know not to be bringing hot ashes to the transfer station. During our time of fasting, we encountered numerous hot spots along with fires that started from the ash pit, which traditionally is not allowed.

We ask for our community to comply with simple rules that needs to be followed. There have been signs placed in the front that state “NO HOT ASHES”. The landfill we partner with is very strict about ash disposal, and we must comply with their policies.

If these are not followed, our community will not have a place to take ashes in the future.

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ZECDC is now accepting

LIHEAP

Applications

LIHEAP will be assisting with the following heating sources:

- Propane
- Electricity

Household will need to meet income guidelines

Available Online



SCAN NOW

Simply scan this barcode with your smart phone to apply or

Family Size	150% DHHS Poverty Guideline Amount
1	\$19,320
2	\$26,130
3	\$32,940
4	\$39,750
5	\$46,560
6	\$53,370
7	\$60,180
8	\$66,990
For each additional person, add	+ \$6,810 each additional family member

Copy and paste the link below to your browser

<https://form.jotform.com/212975849271064>

If you have any questions, please call the ZECDC at 782-5998

ZTHFWC Becomes Shumak’olo:wa Health Center



We are pleased to inform our Zuni Community that the name of our program will be changed from Zuni Teen Health & Family Wellness Center (ZTHFWC) to Shumak’olo:wa Health Center (Dragonfly Health Center in English). The change in name is the result of the Zuni Teen Health & Family Wellness Center’s scope of work being reviewed and approved by the program’s contracting agency. The ZTHFWC initially served patients ages 9-24 for medical services and has since been approved to provide patients ages 9-30 years old with Medical Services. This change has gone through all the legal requirements by the program’s contracting agency and has been accepted by our P.L. 93-638 Indian Self Determination Contracting Agency.

We assure you that the name change will not affect or delay any current services. We will soon change the name on our building to reflect the photo above. Effective January 1, 2022, we now use the new name for all our official purposes.

Prosecutor’s Office Hires New Coordinator

The Zuni Office of the Prosecutor is pleased to announce the recent hire of Victim Advocate Coordinator Arlene Sheyka. Ms. Sheyka will oversee the office’s Victim Advocate Program and ensure program compliance with Federal grant requirements. Her role within the program will also include victim outreach after traumatic incidents. Ms. Sheyka has valuable experience working with victims and we are excited to have her as a part of our team.

The Office of the Prosecutor encourages the community to reach out to our office if you have any questions regarding victim outreach. Please call (505) 782-7178.

Biggest Loser Challenge Registration Closes January 7

What is your New Year’s Resolution? A Healthier you? The Zuni Healthy Lifestyles Program is entering 2022 with several programs that enhance the new YOU!

- 500-mile Spinning Program, to start in January
- The Walking Club, with physical meeting times scheduled throughout January
- 5K-a-Day Challenge, a virtual (on your own) club with Strava, throughout January
- The Warrior Training Program, TBA

Registration for the Biggest Lower Challenge is open from January 3-7, 2022. This 12-week program will run from January 10 to April 1, 2022. This is a 2-person challenge. The components of this program include health education, nutrition education, physical education with group workouts, and meal planning and prepping ideas. Please note that this is a “loss” program that includes weight, inches, and BMI, so please get a medical clearance before joining. You must be present to

do an assessment and weigh-in on a bi-weekly basis.

The Fitness Place has been upgraded with new equipment that can be used by community members. We are working to have the facility opened for longer hours. Please keep an eye out on POZ email and the ZUNIHLPP Facebook page for the upcoming calendars.

For more information, please call (505) 782-3091.





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seeking Community Members Interested in Serving on the Head Start Parent Policy Council as Community Representatives to lead in the continuum care for education and comprehensive services.

Call (505) 782-5758

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 5-11

INCREASE FAMILY TOGETHERNESS



Spending quality time with family is good for the soul!

Register to receive our family wellness kits to enjoy fun activities with your family.

Ways to register:

Scan the QR Code



Go to the link <https://forms.gle/gSHGPb1obHEj6j4w6> or give us a call at (505)782-7186/7187

STRENGTHEN FAMILY BONDS



2021 Pueblo of Zuni Annual Service Years Awards

5 Year Service Recipients

Kaden Bowannie
Lynn Bowannie
Stafford Chimoni
Jolynn Dewa

Judith Dewa
Jolie Deysee
Brittany Garcia
Robert Griewe

Eugene Leekela
Shelley Leekity
Hayes Lewis
Beatrice Longhat

Tyla Nieto
Kelly Ohmsatte
Jessica Quinlan
Garry Sanchez

Ethan Tucson
Evonne Waseta
Vandon Wyaco
Yvette Yamutewa
Thomas Zunie

10 Year Service Recipients

Lynelle Besselente
Tara Bobelu

Whipple Etsate
Travis Laate

Travis Penketewa
Meleri Peynetsa

Anthony Sanchez, Jr.

15 Year Service Recipients

Loretta Beyuka
Vinton Hooee

Wayne Kanteena
Jason Lalio, Jr.

Erika Lewis
Clinton Lucio

Murray Tsatie

20 Year Service Recipients

Farrah Cheama
Fonda Etsate

Royce Gchachu
Charles Leekity

Farrah Lesansee
Sharon Sanchez

Leroy Simplicio
Ada Yatsattie

25 Year Service Recipients

Olivia Eriacho

Dion Lalio

30 Year Service Recipients

Brenda Boone

Farrin Cheama

Caroline Comer-Deysee

40 Year Service Recipients

Vanna Pattone

45 Year Service Recipients

Georgia Harjo

Annacita Nieto

Retirees

YR2020

Carlson Bowekaty
9 Years, May 2020

Shirley Bellson
13 Years, December 2020

Tom Kennedy
19 Years, December 2020

Kathleen Romancito
46 Years, February 2020

YR2021

Jean Paisano
19 Years, April 2021

Karen Leekity
31 Years, October 2021

Andrea Yatsayte
44 Years, January 2021

Our members who were taken away too soon, but are forever with us

Bart Gasper, Tribal Roads, 2019
Rodney Hughte, Transit Program, 2019

Annette Lorenzo, Transfer Station, 2020
Kathleen Romancito, Head Start Program, 2020