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Navajo Blue Travel Center opens near Twin Arrows Casino Resort

Navajo Blue Travel includes gas station, convenience store, shower and laundry facilities, dining, retail and more

LEUPP, Ariz. — Navajo Nation leaders and its Gaming Enterprise Sept. 18 marked the grand opening of the Navajo Blue Travel Center, located next to Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort near Flagstaff, Arizona.

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Nation implements Stage 1 Fire restrictions

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation announces Stage 1 fire restrictions Sept. 16 and resolves concerns over the use of chainsaws to gather firewood for the upcoming fire season.

The new Executive Order lifts some of the restrictions that were included in the previous Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, which went into effect in May 2020 during the height of fire dangers on the Navajo Nation.

With ongoing wildfires in the southwest, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said the new restrictions still provide for the safety and prevention of wildfires, but also allow the Navajo people to gather firewood for the upcoming winter season.

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Moving forward



Members of the Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association gather for a workshop in late August to learn how to evaluate range conditions in order to provide a more successful livestock operations. (Photos/Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association)

Tolani Lake ranchers turn to grass farming

TOLANI LAKE, Ariz. — A dozen members of the Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association are starting to think of themselves more as grass farmers than cattle ranchers.

Ranchers recognize that the heart of a successful livestock operation is the health of their range, especially under persistent challenges of drought and a warming climate.

Over a hot weekend in late-August, the Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association hosted back-to-back workshops in Tolani Lake, Arizona, to share with local ranchers about cattle nutrition and evaluating range conditions.

On the first day of the workshop, ranchers learned how to evaluate range condition by measuring ground cover and available forage. The second day covered the basics of cattle nutrition including tips for supplementing the nutrients typically missing in this Tolani Lake area of the Navajo Nation.

The workshops are part of an ongoing series supported by

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Zuni youth reminded about connection to Grand Canyon

Zuni Youth Enrichment Program helps young adults rekindle cultural ties to the Grand Canyon

By Loretta McKenney
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GRAND CANYON, Ariz. — Even though the Zuni tribe is more than 250 miles away from the Grand Canyon, the connection remains strong — this is the reminder that Zuni leaders want the youth of their nation to remember and to feel and experience.

Which is why, in March, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, six young adults, along with cultural advisors

from the Zuni Youth Enrichment Program (ZYEP), spent several days hiking, exploring and reconnecting with the Grand Canyon.

During the trip, participants learned about the cultural significance of the Canyon to the Zuni tribe. They learned about its importance and how it is the place where Zuni ancestors first emerged.

“Many refer to the cultural sites in the Canyon as ruins and abandoned, but the A wi kya know that the spirits of their ancestors are still present,” ZYEP shared.

“There’s no words to describe the feeling you feel while you’re down there — knowing that’s where we all came from and that’s

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Six Zuni youth spent three days hiking and exploring their cultural ties and connections to the Grand Canyon through the Zuni Youth Enrichment Program. (Photos/Zuni Youth Enrichment Program)



5-DAY FORECAST
Expect temperatures in the high 80s and low 90s this week. Gusty winds possible.



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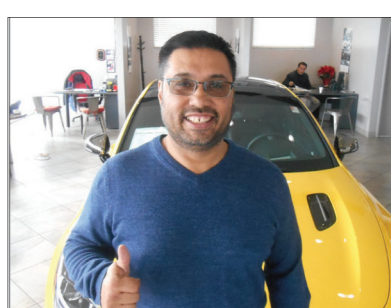


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