October 2017

Window Rock Fair

By Alisha Nakai

It was another successful turnout for the Window Rock Fair, which is held annually in Window Rock, Arizona. Many people around the Four Corners come to attend the parade and carnival that was held on September 09, 2017 and began at ten o’clock in the morning. No matter what the weather is families travel and camp overnight just to save their spots because it gets crowded easily. The children usually are still asleep but their parents wake them up when the parade begins so they can collect all the candy they want! While the teenagers hang out and walk around with their friends. It was great to hear that our very own CAPP club performed in the parade and along with the night performance!

Their audiences were amazed with their performances that day. The dance I know everyone enjoyed was the Lilo and Stitch song, because the girls looked beautiful in their outfits, while the guys had their arms tattooed with Hawaiian symbols. The song is upbeat, brings joy and makes everyone want to dance along with the music. It was awesome to see videos and pictures all over social media. The dancers were able to showcase the type of clubs our university has to offer when you become an Aggie at USU-Eastern. Another club that was
there was Student Council, but the club that stole the audience was CAPP!

CAPP travels around the Four Corners region to perform for schools, parades, and wherever they are welcomed. The dancers get to perform different dances from different ethnic backgrounds. The members range from freshmen to seniors. A few of the dances are difficult to learn so the upperclassmen or the ones that have been there longer perform those particular dances rather than the new members. Most of the new members were able to catch onto the steps quickly, some took more work, but after seeing their performances Saturday night they all got the dances down and all are confident being in front of a huge crowd.

Maple-Glazed Baked Apples
(allrecipes.com)

6 small apples
1/2 cup apple juice or cider
2 Tablespoons maple-flavor syrup
1 Tablespoon butter
6 3-inch pieces stick cinnamon

Isaiah Paytiamo prepares for Window Rock. (courtesy Clint Behunin)

Prep: 20 minutes  Cook Time: 40 mins
Ready: 1 hour

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Using a melon baller, core apples, leaving the bottoms intact. Using a small sharp knife, cut off a strip of peel around the top of each apple. Place apples in a 2-quart casserole or baking dish.

2. In a small saucepan combine apple juice, maple syrup, and butter. Bring to boiling. Pour hot juice mixture over apples. Insert a piece of stick cinnamon in the center of each apple.

3. Bake, uncovered, for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are tender, brushing tops of apples occasionally with juice mixture in casserole. To serve, remove stick cinnamon. Spoon juice mixture over baked apples.
Student Life: Volleyball Tournament

By: Cheyenne Chee

On September 19-20, a volleyball tournament (sponsored by student government) took place at the Blanding Wellness Center. Five teams played against each other to be titled the champion. In the end, the team “Take a Hit” took third place. “Team Commerce” took runner up. Finally, “Hit That” took first place. All in all, everyone had a fun time. It was a nice getaway from the normal tedious college routine.

Project Complete!

By: Heidi Swenson

The Building Construction Program has completed the house on 276 West 800 North after a lot of hard work. An Open House will be on October 13th from 11:00-3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your family and friends and admire the work of our fellow students.

Upcoming October Events

Oct 11—Fall Blood Drive (10:15 to 2:00)
Oct 13-14—Service Project: Repairs to Montezuma Creek home.
Oct 25-27—Poet and Professor Laura Tohe will be visiting campus, holding workshops and lectures. More information to come.
Oct 30—22nd Annual Halloween Carnival (5:00-8:00)
TBA—Scholarship Workshop
Faculty Feature: Clinton Behunin

By Sherry Begay

Clinton Behunin, a Communications instructor, is known as being one of our campuses’ well-liked and awesome professors and is also the advisor of Cultural Ambassador Performance Program club. CAPP students have been the center attention for being the most popular club on campus. Clint is married to one of our great English professors, Cindy, and they are parents of three children: two girls and one boy.

Blanding, Utah is hometown to Clint who graduated from San Juan High School, received his Bachelors from Utah Valley University, his Masters from Northeastern University, and has one of the highest Sign Language Interpreting certification in the state of Utah. Clint has had a remarkable career!

Even with these astonishing achievements, his family will always be the greatest and most important priority in his life. Having the opportunity to be the advisor for CAPP for the second year, Clint knew that this was what he wanted to do. He grew up around many different cultures and has attended Bear Dances, PowWows and other events. He is very excited to be a part of CAPP. The CAPP members bring a spirit of cultural pride to each performance, they learn the importance of different cultures, and have shown members in various communities how important their culture is to them. This is shown through of each member’s hard work and energy. That’s why CAPP is so successful.

This Fall the club brought in 21 new members and addition to the 6 returning members. Their largest performance took place in Window Rock, AZ, and they only had two weeks to prepare. They practiced everyday for 4-5 hours to make sure that they were ready for the parade and evening performance.

As the advisor of CAPP, Clint would like his club members to remember these experiences, and the multi-cultural performances they have done. It’s important to remember they will be ambassadors for the rest of the lives, and to focus on who they are and be sure to represent themselves well. Clint’s advice to students is to always be true to yourself, to your culture, and to who you want to be. More importantly he says “every decision you make is a potential opportunity for a new decision to be made, something even better, good, or could even be something bigger than your dreams, so make the decision that will lead you to a path of great opportunities”.

Lastly, he clearly mentions there are “no mistakes in life, because everything thing we are and do is learned, every choice leads to something bigger and better”. Students interested in joining CAPP should take the opportunity to try something new and make new friends. CAPP is more than just a group of club members: they share a family-like bond.
Fall Bucket List

Compiled By Cindy Behunin

Not sure what to do while the weather changes from hot to cold? Celebrate autumn by selecting a few (or all) of the activities below. Get a group of friends and make it even more fun!

- Drink Apple Cider
- Play (or Watch) Football
- Plant a Fall Garden
- Bake Pumpkin Bread
- Visit a Pumpkin Patch
- Go Apple Picking
- Carve Jack O’Lanterns
- Take a Hayride
- Make Pumpkin Pie Playdough
- Go on a Scavenger Hunt
- Trick or Treat
- Autumn Leaf Crafts
- Visit a Farm
- Jump in the Leaves
- Make Caramel Apples
- Build a Scarecrow
- Bake Apple Cupcakes
- Have a Bonfire
- Go to a Haunted House
- Create a Haunted House
- Watch a Scary Movie
- Jump in a Leaf Pile
- Go on a Hay Ride
- Bob for Apples
- Go on a Nature Walk

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Random Fair Facts

Compiled By The Journalism Club

- The largest fair in the U.S. by daily attendance is the Minnesota State Fair. ~Sherry Begay
- What we call “Cotton Candy” was originally called “Fairy Floss” and was invented in 1897 by candy makers William Morris and John C. Wharton of Nashville, Tennessee. It was introduced at the St. Louis World’s Fair in 1904. It has also been called “Spun Sugar” and in the United Kingdom it is called “Candy Floss”. ~Cheyenne Chee
- The first fair in the U.S. was in New York in 1841 in Syracuse, and still held annually to the present year ~Sherry Begay
- The first Utah State Fair happened in October 1856 and was called the “Deseret Fair”. ~Cindy Behunin
Student Spotlight: Isaiah Paytiamo

By Sherry Begay

Growing up in Oak Springs, Arizona, and the second generation to attend college, Isaiah has been given the name “role model” by his family, friends, and community. Isaiah had big dreams as a child, which changed as her matured, but he now has bigger plans in establishing a career in Welding Engineering.

An alumni of Red Valley/Cove High School, Isaiah was accepted to USU Blanding for the Fall 2015. As a freshman, one club caught his attention: Cultural Ambassador Performance Program (CAPP). CAPP, is where Isaiah began his college experience with dancing. In CAPP, he is a well-respected dancer, but sadly this is his final year as a member. Having a history with pow wow when he was young, Isaiah was confident in learning new dances, but his main challenge was to learn the hoop dance.

CAPP has performed all over the Four Corners area, but one of the biggest was the Window Rock Fair. It was exceptional and the group did great. Isaiah commented that the people there had the chance to see something very different in the parade with us dancing. The parade crowd tends to see live bands, or delegates riding horses, but this year they had the opportunity to see something out of the ordinary. Even with the short time allowed for practice, they did outstanding!

When describing CAPP, Isaiah states, “CAPP is more than just a group of students, it is a family bond”. He believes the club will expand and become familiar with new dances and members. For Isaiah, dancing in front of people was not as nerve wracking as it may seem, to him it’s a sense of being home and having a leadership role.

Past performances inspired high school students look up to Isaiah, the lead hoop dancer, and ask him for advice on how to hoop dance and education. One of his main sayings, he takes in with CAPP is to treat his CAPP family with respect. With this being his final year as a dancer, Isaiah would most definitely take the teachings he learned while being apart of this fantastic organization with him in his future. Hearing the words “spotlight student”, I asked Isaiah how he felt to be recognized as this student, he responds as it being very surprising, because he never thought he would be the person people look up to. Students who are thinking of joining CAPP this semester or next semester, Isaiah’s advice to you is not to be scared, don't hesitate, don't be shy, and always smile. More importantly he encourages everyone to have fun, he explains that everyday you'll have fun, you will definitely learn about new cultures. Join CAPP, you'll never regret it, and just be yourself.
Movie Madness

By Cheyenne Chee

Title: It
Genre: Horror/Drama
Rating: R
Grade: 9.5/10

If you have not watched “It” yet, I ask “Why not?”. This film debuted in theaters September 8, 2017. I was one of the few that got tickets before they sold out on the release date. I was not disappointed.

Because I love horror movies it was a no-brainer that I would be watch it. I sat down with my popcorn and lemonade and stared at the ATMOS screen in front of me. The film opened with the classic paper boat sailing down the neighborhood road. For the next two hours I jumped and laughed. This film follows the “Loser Club” as they try to defeat a clown-like creature from taking children. Although, this film is sure to satisfy your horror needs, it also satisfies your comedy needs as well. I enjoyed this aspect of this film.

If you are wondering how this compares with the original “IT,” I would have to say that they are two different films. It’s like comparing apples and oranges. Both can be appreciated by the viewer because they both bring something unique to the table.

All in all, I rate this movie a 9.5/10. I really really liked this film. If you have not watched it yet, I strongly encourage you to. In the meantime, you should watch the original or read the novel by Stephen King that they are both based on!

Reading Corner

By Antonio Nez

The emotional, mental, and spiritual journey of a girl who travels to the States in the 1920s, is going on a life changing adventure. The moment she received the letter of the suitor who loved her through the photo she sends the earlier months before this is the adventure that will make her feel homesick, treasured, and pained.

These were the years leading up to the world war II, thus is where Japanese Americans were thought to be still loyal to their home country. They were forced into camps of their own nationality, where she would have doubts if she survives or expires.

If you what to know more and life her story, you may by the book, The Picture Bride, on Amazon for $17.20 plus shipping and handling. Also remember to look up “picture bride”, to see real stories from real Picture Brides.

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