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NPC schedules Truth in Taxation and Public Budget Hearing

The Navajo County Community College District Governing Board will conduct a Truth in Taxation and Public Budget Hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for the 2024–2025 fiscal year at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at the Tiponi Community Center, located at 2251 E. Navajo Blvd., in Holbrook. The hearing may also be attended remotely using the link: https://npc.webex.com/npc/j.php?MTID=mc0d6b22d2239ed9594e7ba940acdbd9a (password May24DGB – if needed), for both public viewing and comment. Additional access to the hearing is available by phone: dial-in +1-415-655-0001, meeting number (access code): 2634 089 9444 or join by video system: dial 26340899444@npc.webex.com.

At its April 16 meeting, the board adopted a preliminary 2024-2025 budget. The college stands ready to help students and employees. The proposed budget includes the following key items.

Upgrade the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software used to manage college operations, including class offerings, registration, financial aid, student payments and all aspects of accounting.

Facilities expansion will continue at the Show Low campus by renovating an existing building to offer one-stop-shop services for students.

Facilities expansion at the Winslow and Holbrook campus are planned and will affect the automotive, cosmetology, and Allied Health programs.

NPC conducted a third-party salary study, and the results of the study will be implemented.

TNT statutes, the college district is requesting an increase in primary property taxes of $719,516 or 4.23%. According to the TNT formula, the primary property tax for an owner-occupied residence with an assessed valuation of $100,000 would increase from $169.88 to $177.07. NPC does not have a secondary tax rate to pay for any improvement bonds or budget overrides.

The assessed valuation of utilities, power plants, transmission lines, and mines is set by the state's Department of Revenue. The Navajo County Assessor's Office is responsible for setting the assessed valuations for local real property and buildings. These combined assessed valuations are used by various taxing jurisdictions as the basis for calculating the primary property tax levy.

After the public hearing, the governing board can decrease or accept the budget from the preliminary figures adopted on April 16. The budget data can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF from the college's website: https://www.npc.edu/fy2025-preliminary-budget. Answers to many frequently asked questions are also posted on the website.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Truth in Taxation and Public Budget Hearing and make comments prior to the formal adoption of the budget by the local governing board during a special meeting immediately following the public hearing.

Comments about the proposed primary tax rate or budget can be made during the meeting or submitted online at www.npc.edu/public-comment-form.

Youth contribute important ideas for community development

Photo by Linda Kor

Collaboration is key to community development and the opinions of youth are a priority for Holbrook's Mayor Kathleen Smith. Smith, along with Linda Kor and Talaina Kor of Grow Arizona Workforce Network visited Holbrook Junior High School in order to learn the priorities for these students when it comes to community development. The idea to do so came from Mayor Smith visiting with Rylie Patterson (second from left) who had written a letter to Smith months ago outlining her concerns and solutions. Rylie was name Mayor for the Day as part of the event. Seated to the left of Rylie is London Gardner.

Traditional dance celebrated at arts festival

Photo by Shawn White

Members of Los Aguilas de Oro, a dance group from Northland Pioneer College, performed a vibrant Mexican dance at the Winslow Arts Festival last weekend, showcasing traditional costumes and spirited choreography that captivated the audience with a celebration of cultural heritage.

Win cash in the OWF Battle of the Bands

Holbrook's Old West Fest is fast approaching with the Battle of the Bands planned from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 7, as part of the celebration. Sign up for free with the chance to win $750 for first place, $300 for second place or $200 for third place. This is open to all genres but must be a family-friendly selection of music. There is a limit of seven songs (a 30-to-40-minute set). Sign up is easy, just send an email to director@holbrookazchamber.org providing the name of the band, a contact person, phone number and address. The deadline to register is June 1.

Become a member of Hashknife Posse

The newly organized Navajo County Hashknife Sheriff's Posse is under new leadership and is currently recruiting members. This organization will be training members in search and rescue operations to serve Navajo County. Anyone interested in participating on the Hashknife Sheriff's Posse is encouraged to obtain a membership application from Robert Black at 928-241-0042, Greg Long at 928-853-5958, Scott Self at 928-241-0200 or John Wehrman at 928-241-8054.

Correction

In the April 10, edition of The Tribune, in the story "Building youth-focused community a key topic of Family Focus session" it was quoted that Ortega's Daycare in Holbrook would soon be closing. That statement is incorrect. We apologize for any problems that may have caused.

We Welcome Your News!

We welcome news items from individuals and groups from throughout our entire circulation area.

No-cost classes for business planning to be held in Holbrook

The Small Business Development Center and Northland Pioneer College will be presenting no-cost classes for business in the coming months.

This Thursday, May 21, the class is Small Business Funding, taught by business analyst Laura Singleton.

On June 18, the class is Establishing a Digital Presence/Marketing, taught by Craig Boston, interim director of the Small Business Development Center.

On July 16, the class is Handling Difficult Customers and Kiva Hub, taught by Marilyn Mott, Director of Community Outreach, Northern Arizona Better Business Bureau.

The classes, hosted by the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Navajo County Historic Courthouse, located at 100 E. Arizona St.

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