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### Honorable Leonard Chee, Leupp Public School to sponsor food can drive, view "Hearing Radmilla" documentary for domestic violence awareness month

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Honorable Leonard Chee (Birdsprings/Leupp/Tolani Lake) and the Leupp Public School are sponsoring a domestic violence awareness event in an effort to bring awareness of domestic violence to light on the Navajo Nation. The event consists of a food can drive and a documentary that features Radmilla Cody, the 1997-1998 Miss Navajo Nation, in "Hearing Radmilla."

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m., at the Leupp Public School Gymnasium in respect to the month of October, which is domestic violence awareness month. Admission for the event requires a canned food item, which will be distributed among elders at the conclusion of the event.

"Hearing Radmilla," is a film by Angela Webb, which focuses on the factual events of Cody's experience as a domestic violence victim. Cody will speak about domestic violence, as well as entertain event attendees with her Navajo traditional songs.

According to the "Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women," domestic violence is slowly decreasing in some parts of the Navajo Nation, but in rural areas of the Navajo Nation, there is a slight increase.

"Domestic violence is a pressing issue on the Navajo Nation that needs to be addressed through awareness," Chee said. "It is also known as spousal abuse, child abuse or intimate partner violence. All are uncalled for. It is a cruel act and everyone needs to know that it is a crime, and that it is ok to help someone who is being abused. This event is to help the community."

The event helps the Navajo Nation's fight in decreasing domestic violence through awareness. For more information, please contact Mr. Chee at (928) 871-6382.

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