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1. "Looking for resolution... Families of missing, murdered indigenous people gather at rally" by Boderra Joe. The article written by Sun Correspondent Boderra Joe shines light on the issue of missing and murdered indigenous people. The article provides insight into the victims' families and how they are affected. Ways to help are also mentioned in the story, which explores an important topic that needs to be addressed.

2. "UFO Film Fest lands at Gallup DownTown Conference Center" by Dee Velasco. Are aliens real? Was Bigfoot really spotted on the Navajo Nation? The article written by Dee Velasco has you wishing you were able to attend the UFO Film Festival. Former Navajo Nation Ranger Jonathan Dover had some interesting comments about his experiences with paranormal phenomena and Dr. Christopher Dyer, former CEO of UNM-G, claims that the Bigfoot sightings will increase in years to come.

3. "Community celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day" by Dee Velasco. The change from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day offers a change to the narrative about indigenous peoples throughout the world. It allows indigenous people to voice their concerns and raise awareness about current issues like racism, poverty and justice.

4. "Local Communities to benefit from the new Lok'aah Ni Teel Shopping Center" by Gallup Sun Staff. The Navajo Nation lacks access to grocery stores, and it's great to see improvements being made to give everyone access to food. The new shopping center was an important addition to the Ganado community, as well as to the communities of Keams Canyon, Jeddito, Greasewood and other surrounding areas. The new shopping center provides folks with access to food without a 40-plus mile journey to Window Rock or Gallup. I hope in 2019, there will be even more grocery stores to fulfill the needs of the rest of the Nation.

5. "Ee'hanii': Commemorating the Navajo Treaty of 1868" By Dee Velasco. The Navajo Treaty of 1868 is not something everyone gets to learn about. In most history classes, the focus centers around what the Europeans encountered and their views. There's little taught about the opposite perspective; there are few accounts of how the oppressed people viewed the different situations that occurred throughout history. Revisiting important documents and occurrences in history allows for a deeper connection to and understanding of one's culture.

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