Lucille Hunt will perform Friday at the Fort by Tudy De Angelis

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Friday Night at The Fort is pleased to present Luci- lles Hunt on Friday, August 23 at 7 p.m., for a recognized and respected Navajo storyteller and translator.

She loves and enjoys sharing the stories that have been taught to her from childhood. She was born and raised in eastern Na- vajiland. She lived in a hogan next to her grandmother Haul- ba’, from whom she learned many of the tradi- tional ways and stories. She was introduced to the English language at the age of six when she started school at the Bu- rassa of Indian Affairs boarding school in New Mexico. During her pre- sentation, she will share some of her first encount- ers with this new world. As a child, she also learned the tradition- al dances as her grandfa- ther beat the drum and sang the songs. She will share with you some of these dans- es. Some of her sto- ries will be about her seven sisters and how she wanted, to be the only child.

Hunt is a recipient of Utah Human- ities Council Board Scholar 2005 Merit Award. Before Utah Humanities Coun- cil Public Square ended in July, she had been a mem- ber of its presenters for many years. Her presen- tations have been under these titles: “My Grand- mother’s Teachings”, “The Changing Navajo”, and “The Navajo Way: Cus- toms and Traditions, Part and Present”. She has presented to au- diences of all ages in public schools and universities, and private and government organiza- tions and even family reunions through- out the state of Utah and other states. Her favorite presentation was at Tu- acahn near St. George. She says that performing at Tuacahn has made her stories more special. Hunt is a profes- sional translator of her native Navajo language. She con- tinues to work in translat- ing materials from Eng- lish to Navajo and from Navajo to English for var- ious companies.

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She’s married to Calvin Hunt of Blanding. They met in Montezuma Creek years ago where both were employed at Utah Nava- jo Development Council. She will be sharing a sto- ry or two about how an In- dian girl fell in love with a Whimsian. She is now a grandma and a great- grandma.

Other stories that you will hear will include the stories of her Moaces fam- ily and ancestors. They in- clude tales of experiences of trading with their Pueblo neigh- bors, tribal raids, The Navajo Way, Code Talkers, lifed stock reduction era, board- ing school, acquiring En-GLISH names, trading posts and early radio stations that delivered The Nava- jo Voice.

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