KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

JULY 3, 4 & 5, 2014

KAYENTA, ARIZONA

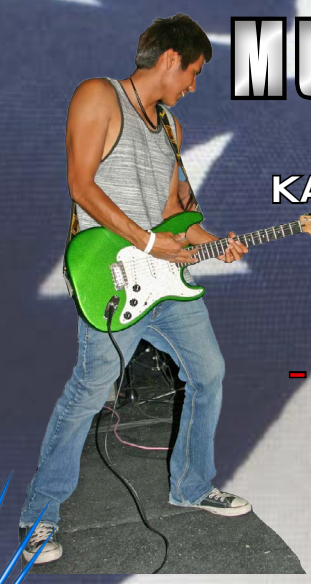
POW WOW

JULY 3, 4 & 5
MVHS STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER

JULY 3RD
POW WOW-HAND DRUM CONTEST
6PM-10PM MVHS FOOTBALL FIELD

JULY 4TH
10AM GOURD DANCE
1PM GRAND ENTRY

JULY 5TH
10AM GOURD DANCE
1PM GRAND ENTRY
5PM GOURD DANCE



MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 4 11AM - 9:00PM
KAYENTA RECREATION PARK
FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

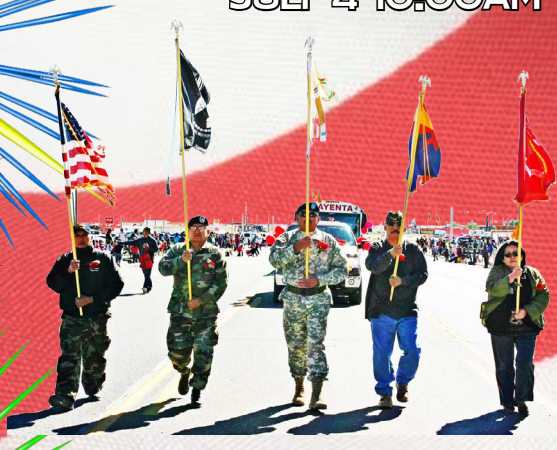
- THE PLATEROS -
- PUBLIC ENEMY #1 -
- THE JIR PROJECT BAND -
- THE CREMAINS -
- TWANG DELUXE -
- SKOOL BOI KOOK -

Song & Dance

JULY 3 & 4 10:00AM
OLD MVHS GYM

PARADE

JULY 4 10:00AM - U.S. HWY 163



CASH AWARDS FOR BEST FLOATS

1ST: $400
2ND: $300
3RD: $200

ELDER DAY

3 10AM - 2PM
ECREATION PARK
THE ELDERS!

FIELD DAY

JULY 4 9:00AM
KAYENTA RECREATION PARK
FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

- BMX/SKATE COMP-
- MUD RUN -
- SOFTBALL -
- BASKETBALL -
- FIELD GAMES -
- FREE FOOD -
- AND MUCH MORE! -

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP 928-697-8451 OR VISIT WWW.KAYENTATOWNSHIP-NSN.GOV FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE

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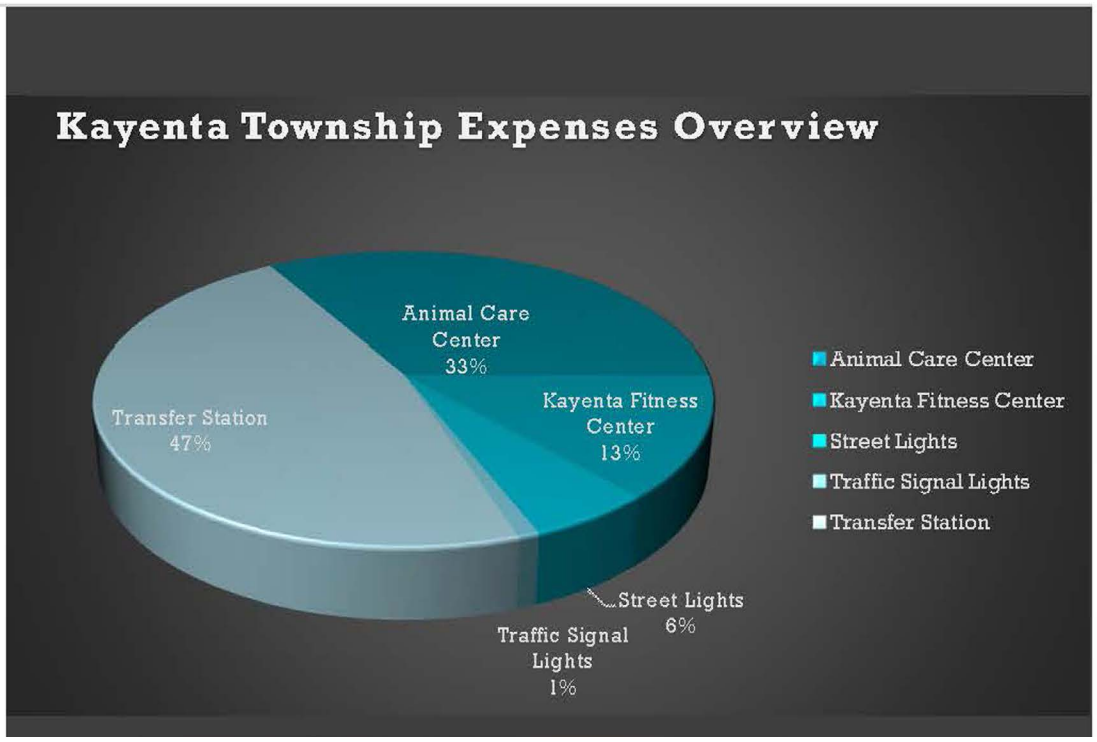
Kayenta Township Program and Utility Cost

Percentage of income spent 100%

Program Expenses

CATEGORY	COST
Animal Care Center	$231,063
Kayenta Fitness Center	$91,820
Street Lights	$38,663
Traffic Signal Lights	$6,504
Transfer Station	$322,925
TOTAL	**$690,975**



KAYENTA, Ariz. —Ever wonder where your tax dollars are going? Kayenta Township is very unique in that it runs as its own municipality, or political unit. Without tax dollars, it would be impossible to sustain any projects within the community.

A few of those projects include the Kayenta Animal Care Center, Kayenta Fitness Center, and Kayenta Transfer Station. These projects were not designed to make profit, but to run on its own self-generated funds. Not only were these projects taken on as a result of the need to resolve the challenges of waste and stray animals, but to provide a place for the community to turn to for their wellness. Kayenta Township continues to use tax dollars to provide a cleaner community and to provide resources for its people.

In addition our tax dollars operate the Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department, Vendor Village, Kayenta Rodeo Grounds, Community Recreation Park and the local community and veteran's cemetery. It also provides operating funds for the CI and Corrections Department, and pays the utility bill on the local airport, street lights, stop lights and the traffic calming signs.

For more information please call Kayenta Township at 928-697-8451.

Improvements to Kayenta Airport is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014

KAYENTA, AZ – More improvements are scheduled for the Kayenta Airport. Funding for improvements have been set aside. An accumulated entitlement amount of $450K from the last 3 years with an added matching funds of $40k from Kayenta Township has been allocated towards the improvement project scheduled to be complete by the year's end of 2014.

Kayenta airport is owned and maintained by Kayenta Township. The scheduled improvements expected total cost is about $620K, which includes taxes, fence removal, new asphalt and construction.

Tourist, business and leisure travelers come into Kayenta Airport on a daily basis, especially during the prime tourist season. The improvements will only reassure the safety of travelers and their planes that come into the Kayenta airport.

Items on the list for improvements are as follows:

•With the Updates, the airstrip will get improved fencing put in so grazing livestock don't stray into incoming air traffic.

•Fog seal runway is the most common application

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Illegal Trash Dumping Taking its Toll On Our Communities

Image of Dry Lake located outside of Kayenta Township Boundry Lines

KAYENTA,Ariz.—Illegal trash dumping continues to be a local problem. As the illegal dumping continues, the health of those living next to these illegal dumping sites, remain at risk.

Employees from local authorities were in attendance to discuss this important matter. Issues were discussed regarding how illegal dumpsites contain hazardous materials.

Further discussions revolved around how to fix the problem and make it a community effort. The lack of enforcement surrounding illegal dumping remains a problem. There is not enough manpower to track and cite illegal dumpers.

Ben Edwards, who is on the Kayenta Farm Board, said that he has provided a letter to the current judge about possibly setting up some type of community service using local inmates or community service workers to help clean up the trash.

Kayenta Chapter Vice President, Sally Chee said, "I have tried to work on this issue last year with no results. Little things like getting the kids involved from the schools to help with the little jobs. Community education is a plus, to educate and get the community involved."

Many of those who attended the meeting agreed that this is a problem, if not taken on by the community, will create further damage to the environment and health of the community.

Gates Millennium Scholars From Kayenta Have been Announced

The Gates Millennium Scholars
Funded by a Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

KAYENTA,Ariz.—Monument Valley High School produced 10 Gates Millennium Scholars this year, more than any other high school on the reservation, or in the state of Arizona. The scholarship will provide students a well- deserved chance to attend college without the burden of the cost of tuition. This is the intention of the GMS foundation, to reduce the financial barrier that would prevent an excelling student from reaching their full potential. The GMS foundation funds students who are African American, American Indian/ Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American to attend college and pursue degrees in careers that are severely underrepresented by these groups, careers in science, engineering, math, and public health. The scholarship will allow the recipients the opportunity to change their lives, which these 10 scholars aim at doing.

The students from MVHS have fought a three-year long battle to complete this process. Kentaro Herder says he began thinking about the scholarship when he was just a fifth grader in Mr. Gibson's class. Before that he had never heard of the scholarship or what it was for. Today it seems almost unrealistic what lies ahead for him, a path headed for the University of Arizona to begin his studies in pre-physiology. For Herder this scholarship is allowing him the opportunity to work towards his dream of becoming a surgeon. Herder's story, a story that has a common theme among the other nine scholars, begins with a dream, the dream to attend college and to return to the reservation to help the Navajo people.

All 10 scholars beat the odds against them. They overcame many challenges and obstacles within their families, school, peers, and within themselves. They took every opportunity to stay at the top of their class, and to take advantage of summer programs across the nation. Some attended College Horizons, a week-long program that prepares them for the ins and outs of college and others attended programs in state at Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. Their hunger for new experiences and learning led them to applying and completing summer enrichment programs.

They began high school with goals of maintaining a high GPA, which meant they had to learn to manage their time and schedules. Sometimes a grueling life skill, but something they all say makes earning this scholarship all the more rewarding. Something Brooke Curleyhair, Landis Nelson, Christian Manymules, Erica McCormick, Karla Peaches and Travis Gray all had to learn was taking the initiative to learn how to manage their academics and athletics. Some days Curleyhair says she didn't want to get up early for 5:00 a.m. practices or stay up late to study for school. Gray says he had to learn how to ask his teachers for makeup work or to figure out ways to makeup missing assignments. Nelson reflected on how he had to manage his time between his academics and sports because he played sports all four years of high school. Nelson was also awarded the Cola-Cola Scholarship and was accepted into University of Arizona's Honors College.

The process began in the fall of 2013 when students began their Sunday meetings and finally all applications were submitted in January 2014. The students say they worked together, and compared to previous GMS scholars they felt their group was different because they all wanted to help each other, that it was not a competition. They say they stayed up late talking about their essays, which some took months to write and some took weeks. They reassured each other to stay confident and to believe in themselves when they thought what they wrote wasn't good enough. The students are required to write eight essays that address certain prompts.

Janelle Israel, Onna Begay and Nelson's stories were

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Save the Date
You are invited to the
Dedication of the
Kayenta Multi-Purpose Justice Center
GREAT SEAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION
KAYENTA
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EST. 1986
August 15, 2014
For more information contact
Kayenta Township @ 928-697-8451

Kayenta Vendor Village-Open from
6am to 5pm
and its Free
Vendor Village is open 7 days a week and its free to
all vendors, 15 food lots and 45 regular lots

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Kayenta Animal Care Center

KAYENTA, Ariz.—All in a matter of fifteen minutes the doctor has helped five patients. A skin infection treated, vaccines to two others given, another patient with hair too tangled to brush, sported a newly shaven do. By phone, the doctor gives advice as to how to handle a patient with behavior issues.

No one ever thought a hero could be found in their own backyard; much less a number of them, but here in Kayenta, AZ, lives a group of selfless workers who aim to rescue as many lives their too few hands can handle.

These patients are the four-legged creatures that you may see wandering around town while putting in gas or grabbing a bite to eat. They roam Kayenta with no home or family, and struggle to find their next meal. Dr. Charletta Begaye, and her team of veterinary technicians and volunteers, are those heroes who tirelessly work to save stray animals.

"Our first priority is to protect the public health," says Dr. Begaye, but anyone can see the work of the employees at the Kayenta Animal Care Clinic extends beyond the public. Those four-legged creatures trapped and rescued are given a fighting chance.

Within these stray dogs and cats, the volunteers and employees of KACC see value, the value of becoming a family's next pet or a person's next best friend. Each animal is given the care it deserves. Food, water, and warm shelter are provided to them by KACC. Dr. Begaye and her handful of employees and veterinarian technicians work endlessly to provide care for the animals.

Three times a week the KACC employees sweep the town with the few cages they have to trap and rescue stray dogs, only four or five are caught at a time. The dogs captured will gain access to care through KACC. Through the employees and volunteers the animals will receive positive human contact. Often, the loyal volunteers and workers will shelter animals within their own homes, or mother newborn puppies that have lost their mother.

Tegan Lewis is one of those volunteers. She makes it a family experience and volunteers at KACC with her three children regularly. Her compassion and willingness to help save stray, abandoned, or abused animals has helped the clinic find homes for many stray animals.

"It's really rewarding to see the animals, that we get attached to after working with them on a daily basis, get adopted into homes where they are well cared for and appreciated," said Lewis.

"There are several success stories that are favorites of ours. One would be Sirius, a little black dog who someone tried to castrate with rubber bands. The poor dog was brought in starving, understandably fearful and mangy, due to a low immune system. After being properly neutered, and returned to health, he was transferred down to a rescue facility in Phoenix where he was adopted within days of arrival. His new owner wrote to say how much they enjoy him. He is a valued companion and well loved."

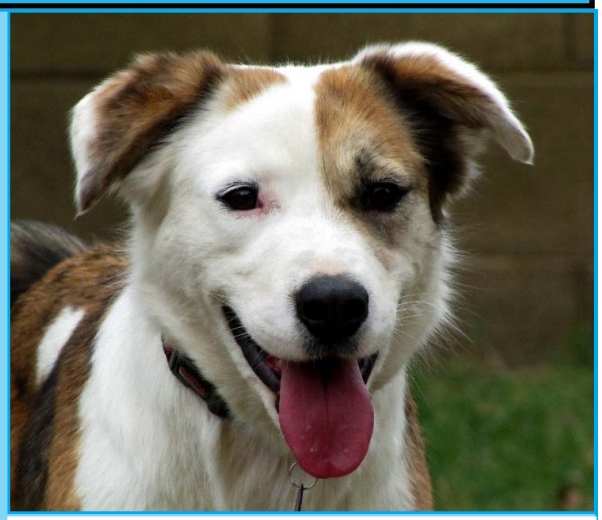
"The dogs here, who are adopted and well cared for, become very loyal companions," says Lewis, "Everyone I've met who has adopted a Rez dog comments on what fantastic dogs they are."

Unfortunately the work is never done for the employees at KACC. Not a moment goes by unspent on care for an animal. After the fifteen minutes, a moment passes where the doctor and workers can take a breath, but far too soon the phone begins to ring again. Someone is calling in to report a stray dog wandering a neighborhood, another person asking how to care for a sick animal and another call inquiring about returning an adopted dog. Despite the lack of help the doctor takes everything in stride and finishes the calls.

"We always expect to do a whole lot more than was expected that day," Dr. Begaye said.

The overwhelming numbers of stray animals coming into the clinic would make anyone want to pull their hair out and call it quits, but Dr. Begaye's team trudges on. They do what they can to help the animals they take in. The work never ends. As soon as the kennels are emptied, KACC employees know it will be filled again the next day.

"It is the role of the shelter to try and reduce the number of stray animals running wild in Kayenta, but unless the community starts taking responsibility for their animals by spaying, neutering, and vaccinating, the problem will never be solved," Lewis says.



This dog was surrendered to KACC and spent nearly a year in the shelter. When he arrived at the shelter he was terrified and difficult to coax out of his cage. He belly crawled and was only confident when he was with the dog he was surrendered with. He was transferred down to a rescue in Phoenix where he was adopted by a family. He is now well loved and spoiled, enjoying his time hiking with his family members.

Sedona was surrendered by a family in Monument Valley, and soon adopted to a family in Michigan. She now lives out in the country with horses and dogs. She goes to work with her owner where she greets visitors and enjoys being spoiled by fellow employees.

Kayenta Township Public Works Trash Cleanup

Kayenta Township Public Works and Staff out picking up trash

KAYENTA, Ariz. — You would think tourists expect to find pristine natural beauty when they travel to Kayenta and surrounding areas, but what often welcomes these travelers are not just blowing tumbleweeds, like in an old western movie, but trash - bottles, grocery bags, cans, and plastic that line the roads and are scattered in open fields.

The land you see in and around Kayenta are the types you might pay millions for like they do in Sedona, AZ, but there is a contradiction being posed here. Dine people have a long history of fighting for sacred land, but many people can see the trash building up in communities all over the Navajo Nation. Comments are made by outsiders about why locals feel the land is so special if there is pollution and trash everywhere. Locally, trash is a continuous problem.

For those reasons Kayenta Public Works and its staff works on a monthly basis to make sure the community is free of litter, but it seems to be an endless process.

"We come out and pick up all the trash, and give it about a week or two and it is all back to where we started" says Boaz Blair, Public Works Supervisor. The township staff is requesting more community efforts to keep Kayenta free of litter.

If you would like to help in our community cleanup efforts or for more information please contact us at Kayenta Township 928-697-8451 and Kayenta Public Works at 928-697-8404 or 928-697-8696.

Image Above: Trash bags provided by Navajo Generating Station

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unique in that they had roots deep into the Navajo language and culture. Their traditional upbringing provided a strong foundation for them to end up where they are today. For these 10 GMS scholars, their new journey begins after they walk the stage to graduate on May 17, 2014.

Onna Begay
Daughter of Laura Delmar and Roger Begay
University of New Mexico/Exercise Science

Onna Begay

Yá'át'ééh. My name is Onna Myrtle Begay. I am of the Salt Clan, born for the Zuni Edgewater Clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Bitter Water Clan, and my paternal grandfather is of the Rock Gap Clan. My mother is Laura Delmar, and my father is Roger Begay, Jr. My grandparents are John Delmar and the late Alice Delmar. I reside in Kayenta, Arizona, but am originally from Navajo Mountain.

I give thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. Through faith and prayer, I was able to be awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Although I grew up in a single-parent home, the prayers of my family kept me strong. My grandmother constantly encouraged me to attend school, and she reminded me that education would bring me a brighter future.

I cannot thank my family, my teachers, Ms. Diane Fuller, Mr. Randell Ellis, and Mr. Arthur Stendel enough, as well as my school, for encouraging me through the entire application process. I am proud to say that I will be attending the University of New Mexico to major in Exercise Science and then return to the reservation as a Physical Therapist. This scholarship is a tremendous relief, and words are unable to stress how thankful I am to relieve my mother of financial strain.

I encourage all eligible applicants to apply for this scholarship. The Navajo Nation needs more educated individuals so that we are led into a bright future.

Quintin Crank
Son of Judy Begay and Harold Crank
Northern Arizona University/Art Education

Quintin Crank

Nurtured in the quaint community of Shonto, Arizona, since birth, my inspiring parents, Judy B. Begay and Harold Lee Crank, strive to ensure that I, Quintin Owen Crank, of the Salt Clan and born for the Folded Arm People Clan, fulfill my academic endeavors. So, it is with great honor that I humbly announce that I have fulfilled an academic endeavor of mine by becoming an American Indian Gates Millennium Scholar from Monument Valley High School.

Having found comfort and joy in both education and art since attending Shonto Preparatory School at the age of five, I have been blessed to continue growing in my pursuit of academic and artistic knowledge throughout high school. I have developed from a shy child who had an idiosyncrasy to dance to an imaginary orchestra, into a vocal, young adult leading Monument Valley High School as student body

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Meal Deal Specials

March	April	May
Hot Dog and 44 oz. Fountain Drink	Small Nacho and 20 oz. Fountain Drink	2 Hot Dogs and 20 oz. Fountain Drink
$1.99	$1.99	$1.99

Sweet Tooth Deal

March	April	May
Butterfinger (Regular size only)	M & M Peanut (Regular size only)	Hershey's w/Almonds (Regular size only)
89¢ each	89¢ each	89¢ each

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Mescalero Apache. In that way, I am a young woman. Kayenta is where I am from.

It was bliss I had never felt before. Seeing the word "Congratulations!" made me explode with happiness with an overflow of joy. Being a Gates Millennium Scholar, I am reminded every day that I can overcome the obstacles in my path and persevere. Achieving this particular goal forces me to keep striving forth. With my educators and family right at my side, I am practically indomitable. With this scholarship, I am supported by the GMS family as well; hence, my success majoring in psychology with a minor in business at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas is motivated by my membership with the Leaders of America's Future. Ahe'hee to my educators for seeing the potential in me that I never knew existed. Ahe'hee to my family for bringing me back up when I fell. The most valuable lesson I learned and think is inevitable to encounter is discovering the individual within by not even searching for that individual.

Landis Nelson
Son of Bernita and Arthur Nelson
University of Arizona/Civil Engineering

Landis Nelson

Hello, my name is Landis Nelson and I am of the White Corn Zuni adopted by the Water Edge Clan, born for the Bitter Water Clan. My maternal grandfather's clan is the Towering House Clan and my paternal grandfather's clan is the Reed People Clan. I am eighteen years young and a senior at Monument Valley High School, here, in Kayenta. My mother and father are Bernita and Arthur Nelson. My maternal grandparents are Fannie Todecheenie and the late Peter Todecheenie, Jr. I am the great grandson of Nelda Salt and Richard Salt. My paternal grandparents are Bessie Nash-Nelson and Albert Nelson, Sr. Éí Shí (me)! This is who I am. In this way I am the young man I am today.

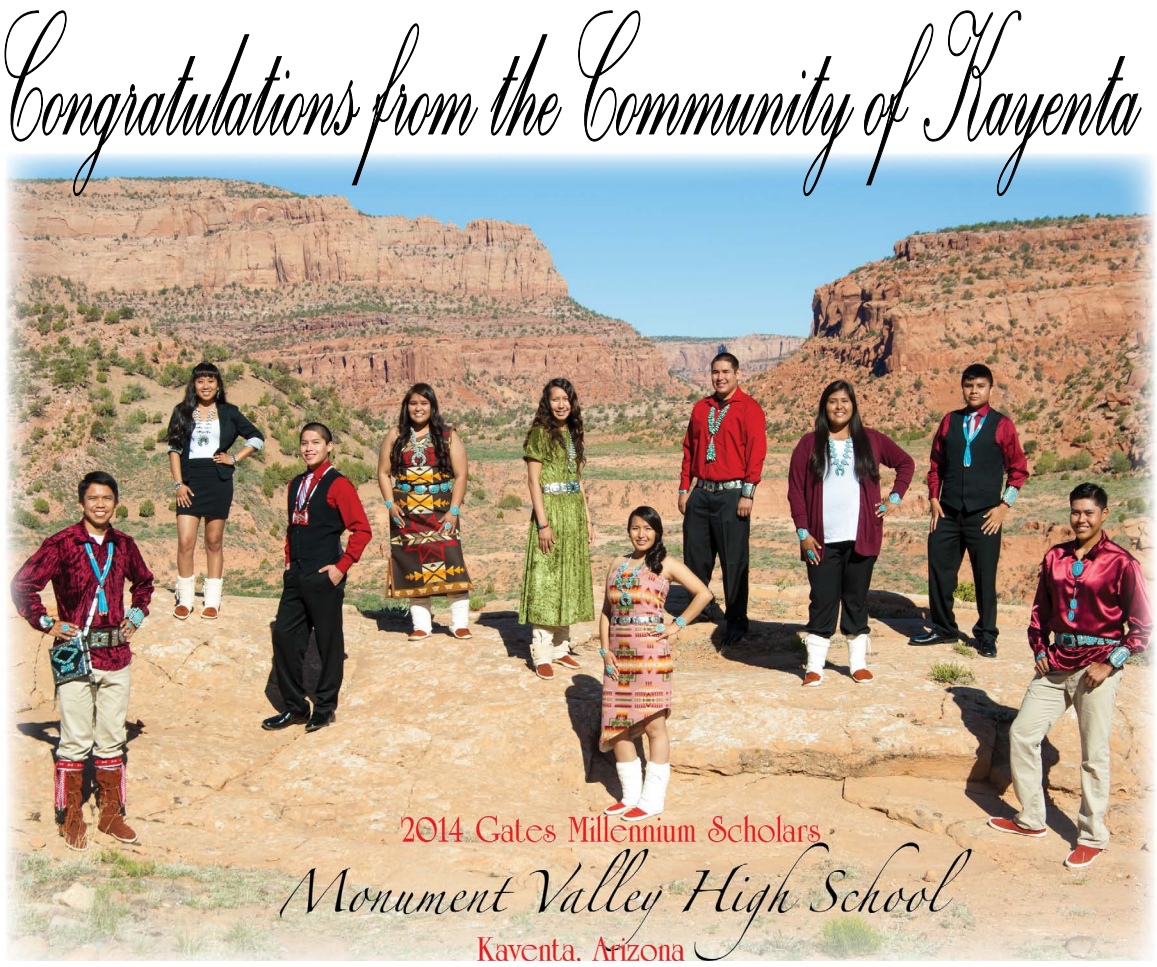
I will be attending The University of Arizona and will be pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. The Gates Millennium Scholarship is a once-in-a-lifetime stepping stone that will help me achieve higher education. It is an honor. I am going to take care of it, and it is going to take care of me. It is no joke! Never leave destiny to chance. That is my word of advice for the younger generation. I encourage all high school students to work hard to be eligible to apply for this scholarship by earning exceptional grades, performing community service, gaining leadership experience, and staying involved with their culture. These simple tasks have provided me the opportunity to further my education without burdening my parents with the high costs of college tuition. Do not forget who you are and always remember where you come from. Éí Yá'át'ééh! (All is good!)

Karla Peaches
Daughter of Rose Reed and
Raymond Peaches
Northern Arizona University/Biology

Karla Peaches

Yá'át'ééh, shi ei Karla Peaches yinishyé. Ma'ii Deeshgiizhinii éí nishlí, Tó'ahani éí báshíshchíín. Tachii'nii ei dashicheii dóó Tl'ízí lání éí dashinali. Shimá dóó shizhé'é ei Rose Reed dóó Raymond Peaches wolyé.

This coming fall I will be majoring in Biology at Northern Arizona University. I remember in the third grade reading about the Gates Millennium recipients in my school district newspaper. This was the first time I heard about this distinguished award. As the years progressed, my teachers encouraged many students to strive for this scholarship. Being selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar is a blessing, not only to me, but my family. I am euphoric knowing that my four years of hard work and dedication to my academics and extracurricular activities paid off. I would like to thank my Nominator and Recommender for their input on behalf of my application.



Kayenta 4th of July

Current Events Schedule

July 3rd, 2014	July 4th, 2014
Elder Day	4th of July Parade 10:00am
10:00am-2:00pm	Field Day Events-
	12:00am-4:00pm
Health Fair Booth-Elder Day	-races, relays, etc
Ramada at Rec center	-two dunk tanks, bouncer, And slide
	-Free Hotdogs and drinks
Just Move It	BMX/Skateboard competition
6:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm (tent)
Rec Center Ramada	Music Fest
	12pm-9pm
Benefit	Softball tournament
Song and Dance	3 on 3 Basketball
	Youth
	Women
	Men
	Song and Dance

Rodeo - July 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5th
Dates time, schedule subject to change
More events may be added so keep checking for more updates

KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY RODEO

Tuesday, July 01, 2014
Open Junior Rodeo – 8 AM

Wednesday, July 02, 2014
Slack – 8 AM
7:30 PM – All Indian Rodeo – 1st Performance

Thursday, July 03, 2013
7:30 PM – All Indian Rodeo – 2nd Performance
9 PM – Western dance

Friday, July 04, 2014
10:00 AM – Slide and Ride Youth Bull Riding
10:00 AM – Dummy Roping Championship
7:30 PM – All Indian Rodeo – 3rd Performance
9:00 PM – Western Dance
10:00 PM – Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 05, 2014
9:00 AM – KHY Memorial Steer Wrestling Chute Out
7:30 PM – All Indian Rodeo – Top 10 – Final Performance
(Tough Enough to Wear Pink)
9:00 PM – Western Dance

For More information please call: 928-284-2164

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president for the 2013-2014 school year. Through difficult times I have been able to prosper, which I credit to my faith, family, and education system.

Now, I begin to take the first steps toward my dream of becoming an Art Teacher so that I may one day return to the Navajo Reservation to help reveal and embrace the creativity of art created through the hands and spirits of indigenous people. With infinite thanks, I attribute these first steps toward a more colorful future to the overwhelming magnanimity of Bill and Melinda Gates. Also, I cannot forget to thank my teachers, who have come in the form of grandparents, extended family, friends, and school staff. Without the last seventeen years of support of my communities of Shonto, Arizona, and Kayenta, Arizona, I would not be in the blessed position I am now. Áhéé'héé, shídiné'é.

Brooke Curleyhair
Daughter of Beulah and Woody Curleyhair
Arizona State University/Exercise and Wellness

Brooke Curleyhair

Hello, my name is Brooke Curleyhair. My parents are Beulah and Woody Curleyhair and we reside in Kayenta, Arizona. As a Gates Millennium Scholar, I plan to attend the Arizona State University (ASU) downtown campus in the fall of 2014. At ASU I plan to attain a Bachelors of Science degree in Exercise and Wellness, as well as a minor in Food and Nutrition Management.

Through the excruciating application process, numerous mentors have supported and encouraged me. I am extremely thankful and blessed to have the following individuals in my life because without them I would not be a scholar: Diane Fuller, Susan Gonzales, Geron Coale, Randell Ellis, Sophia Parrish, Art Stendel, Brian Bradley, my mother, my father, my sisters, and my friends.

For the future Gates Scholars, believe in yourself, because you are the only person that can make your dreams come true.

Travis Gray, JR.
Son of Joan Benally and Travis Gray, Sr.
Coconino Community College/Construction Management

Travis Gray, Jr.

Hello there! My name is Travis Gray, Jr., from Kayenta, Arizona. I am the son of two proud parents, Travis Gray, Sr., and Joan Benally. I am a Bitterwater born for the Hairyones. I am currently a senior at Monument Valley High School. After graduation, I plan to attend Coconino Community College in Flagstaff, Arizona, and eventually transfer to Northern Arizona University under the bridge program and major in Engineering.

During the summer of my high school years, I worked in Tsegi Canyon with my Uncle Jack building dams to irrigate the corn field. We worked from break of dawn to midday in the hot summer heat. Spending the day in the canyon meant learning self-discipline and tolerance of the summer heat, thirst, and hunger. But my day was not over after the field work. I also had a commitment to Mustang football, coached by Bryan Begay. Under his program, I learned a great deal about dedication and leadership, but most importantly, self-determination. These traits that I have obtained from working in the canyon and on the football field eventually led to my academic achievements to strive and set goals higher for myself.

Today, with honors, all the hard work has paid off. I am honored to be one of the students receiving the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship. The Gates scholarship has opened many opportunities for me, academically, to strive far and beyond my expectation. However, I would not have achieved this alone. I thank my parents for being the number one supporters in my educational endeavors. I love you DAD, MOM, and FAMILY!

Kentaro Herder
Son of Kathleen and Wayne Herder
University of Arizona/Pre-Physiology

Kentaro Herder

Yá'át'ééh! Hello! My name is Kentaro Herder. I am of the One Who Walks Around clan, born for the Reed People clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Many Goats clan and my paternal grandfather is of the Start of the Red Streak People clan. My mother's name is Kathleen Herder, and my father's name is Wayne Herder. I am from Kayenta, Arizona.

"The Gates Millennium Scholarship is one of the most prestigious opportunities available. I want you to be a Gates Millennium Scholar. You can do it!" Mr. Gibson proclaimed. I was in fifth grade when my teacher, Bill Gibson, directed my focus towards the scholarship. I remember being a little boy pondering about what I could become and what I could do for my family if I was a GMS recipient. Well, now that I am a blessed GMS recipient, I plan to attend the University of Arizona to major in Pre-Physiology. My aspired career is to become a general surgeon as I do intend to work at the hospital being built in my community. My gratitude is ineffable when it comes to thanking my Recommender, Arthur Stendel, and Nominator, Randell Ellis. I would also love to thank Bill Gibson for enlightening me in the beginning and Diane Fuller for her never-ending encouragement. My deepest love and gratefulness goes to my maternal grandmother for her faith with God, powerful prayers, and teachings she used to mold me into who I am today. I love you grandma! To prospective GMS candidates, be yourself when you tell your story, and never give up!

Janelle Israel
Daughter of Roselyn Crank and Jimmie Israel
Montana State University/Environmental Science

Janelle Israel

Hello, my name is Janelle Israel. I am of the Within His Covers Clan, born for the Tobacco People clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Giant People Clan, and my paternal grandfather is of the Manygoats clan. In this way, I am a young woman. I currently reside in Monument Valley.

I am graduating this year from Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, Arizona. Receiving the Gates Millennium Scholarship is such an honor. I plan on attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. My choice of major is in Environmental Science, and my minor is in Animal Science.

I want to thank all the people who helped me with my application, mainly my Recommender, Mrs. McBride, and my Nominator, Ms. Jay. I know it is a long process to be put through, but it was because of your faith and words of encouragement that I strove to put forth my full potential. Just a heads up for the future Gates Millennium scholars: the application process will be tough, but do not give up, stay focused, and what helped me the most was seeking assistance. I wish you the very best in the future and good luck.

Christian Manymules
Son of Victoria Manymules
University of Arizona/Pre-Physiology

Christian Manymules

Hello, my name is Christian Cody Baaha'zhonii Manymules. I am from the Towering House clan, born for the Black Sheep clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Reed People clan, and my paternal grandfather is of the Honey Comb Rock People clan. Kayenta, Arizona, is where I reside.

I am an ambitious student attending Monument Valley High School in Kayenta, Arizona. Striving to be the best I can, I invest all the time I have into my education because I receive the support, encouragement, and wisdom from my grandparents. I owe my education to them, which thus far has done me well to fulfill my goals. I am humbled by my experience striving to attain the Gates Millennium Scholarship to pay for my post-secondary education, and I thank everyone who has contributed to my accomplishment. As a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, I plan on attending the University of Arizona, where I will be majoring in Pre-Physiology as an undergraduate study and eventually apply to the university's medical school. My ultimate goal is to become a medical surgeon with plans of coming back to the Navajo Nation to work for the local hospital to give back to my people, shi dine'é.

Erica McCormick
Daughter of Lorenda McCormick and
Scott Benson and
Hattie Gray and Rick Gray, Sr.
University of Nevada – Las Vegas/Psychology

Erica McCormick

Yá'át'ééh, shidine'é. Shi éí Erica Rose McCormick yinishyé. My mom is Lorenda McCormick, and my dad is Rick Gray, Sr. I am blessed with two sets of parents. My second mother is Hattie Gray, and my second father is Scott Benson. I am of the Red Running into the Water clan, born for the Within His Cover clan. My paternal grandfather is of the Salt clan, and my maternal grandfather is of the

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Kayenta Veterans Memorial Park to be completed by the end of May, 2014

Image above and to the right-Plaque and Sculptured Memorial Monument to be provided by Frankie Gilmore

Conceptial sculpture design provided by Frankie Gilmore

KAYENTA, Ariz. —Kayenta Township has started moving forward in providing our local veterans with a memorial park that will be located adjacent to the local cemetery.

"The Veterans Organization has been asking for a Veterans memorial park for a number of years and in this year's budget we are able to get the project started. We should have the memorial park completed by the the end of May 2014" said Community Development Department Manager, Gabriel Yazzie.

The estimated cost of the project is about $35,000.00-$40,000.00. A dedication ceremony will be planned soon after completion of the project.

For more information please contact us at Kayenta Township 928-697-8451

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Tne New Memorial site location will be located adjecent to existing cementery

Earth Day-Keeping our lands Beautiful

KAYENTA, Ariz. — April 22, 2014, With the help of Kayenta Student Council, Kayenta Unified School District, Kayenta Township, Kayenta Public Works, Kayenta Chapter (provided bottled water gloves) and all other local Agencies and Department who all took a few hours out of their busy daily schedules to go out into the field to help pick up trash. We would like to say Thank You so much!

As caretakers of our lands, our community came together to help pitch in to clean up all the lose trash. Kayenta Unified School District brings their students out every year on earth day to help clean up trash left along the road sides and open fields.

Our community trash problem is due to heavy winds that blow trash out of illegal open bins, trash left in the back of pickup trucks, and just plain old irresponsible littering, all added factors that leaves our land littered with loose trash.

As a community it is all our responsibility to help clean up or pitch in to help keep this beautiful land of ours free of pollution.

A little background on how Earth day was established:

How Earth Day was first established- Earth Day: The History of A Movement. (2014). Earth Day 1970 capitalized on the emerging consciousness, channeling the energy of the anti-war protest movement and putting environmental concerns front and center.

The idea came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media; persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair; and recruited Denis Hayes as national coordinator. Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land.

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. [Fax]. Retrieved from-http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement

A Thank You from KUSD!

Yá'át'ééh Kayenta!

This Wednesday, April 23rd the KMS students and staff set out to clean up this town as part of their Earth Week celebrations. All grades, 5-8, from Kayenta Middle School covered most of the area along Hwy 163 from the KUSD campus, up to the junction and from the fire station/post office west to Sonic. In the mere 3 hours out there they filled up an enormous amount of trash bags.

A special thank you goes out to Andre Cordero, Boaz Blair and the Kayenta Township crew they organized, in providing trash bags, bottled water (provided by Kayenta Chapter) and gratefully retrieving the 100's of pounds of trash soon after the students collected it!

A special thank you goes out to Carol Todecheene and the bus crew she gathered from the KUSD Transportation department to provide safe and reliable transportation for the KMS students and staff to and from their clean-up destinations!

Obviously, a special thank you goes out to the KMS students and staff who enthusiastically partook in the "dirty work" of picking up the trash in the spirit of Hózhó!

Thank you to all the passersby who gave words of appreciation and encouragement and even a few community members who accepted bags from us to help in the effort! Yéego!

Last, but not least, a very special thanks goes out to the main organizers of this big project, Marsha Whitehair, Megan Courtney, Jessica Samuel and Margaret Gibbins for bringing it all together and making it happen!

Dííjį́ yéego hózhǫ́ dooleeł!

Ahéhee from KUSD!

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Kayenta Animal Care Center

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"Unfortunately because the number of strays and the very limited size of the shelter, it is impossible to save all the animals that are brought in. Many animals are euthanized because they become fearful or aggressive towards humans or other animals, because they are sick and the cost of helping them becomes too much."

This is the dog with the owners who attempted to castrate with rubber bands. He was emaciated, mangy, in pain, and was very fearful of humans. After care from the staff and volunteers at KACC he was transferred down to a rescue in Phoenix, where he was immediately adopted.

With the help of volunteers KACC would not be able to place the stray animals in other shelters and rescues. Volunteers like Lewis donate their time and resources to transport the animals to other shelters and rescues on the weekends. Other times an employee will make a trip off the reservation to transport animals to another shelter where they can await adoption, rather than be euthanized.

Despite the odds facing the team, they keep moving forward. They take every opportunity to acknowledge the lives they have saved and the successes of their work. Today they care for several new moms who just had their litters and for many new puppies that were abandoned. There are young and old animals at KACC. Either way, each animal is given a chance at a better life.

For more information or would like to volunteer or donate call Kayenta Animal Care Center at:
928-697-8444

Image above:
Maggie is a dog who came to the shelter with a new litter of puppies. She was terrified of humans when the KACC staff met her. When her puppies were ready to wean, Maggie took in two abandoned puppies and nursed them to be chubby, healthy puppies. Her puppies including the ones she took in were transferred to Second Chance for Animals in Flagstaff, AZ. Maggie still struggles with fear issues, causing her to be more difficult to adopt out. She will require a little extra work to build her confidence, but she has come a long way, and would make a very loyal companion. She loves affection from kids and adults. Maggie is available for adoption from KACC.

KCS Garden Project

KAYENTA, Ariz. —The Kayenta Community School Garden Project is coming along nicely. Soon it will not be a "project" but a school garden. As of today, the school is ready to plant and they will be sowing native seeds into their brand new garden on April 23, 2014. Within the next few months the students will also be planting miniature dwarf orchard trees; apple, apricot and peach trees on the northern most section of the garden. The KCS garden will be irrigated by a drip system to conserve our precious water as much as possible.

This garden will teach KCS students how our ancestors lived a healthy lifestyle by keeping and tending to gardens and used nature as a teacher. With this hands-on gardening experience they will see the soil, water and sun come together in harmony to transform a seed into a living tiny plant. They will taste the wonders of fresh foods they have planted themselves and learn teamwork from tending to the garden themselves. Gardening will tie the students to the land as their ancestor did before them. Gardening offers many opportunities for them to connect with how their ancestors incorporating native plants into their diet and how health complications were nonexistent back then. These learned skills can be transferred into their own homes and into their own gardens, thereby benefiting their own health and the health of their families.

We would like to thank Tuba City, New Dawn Program for contributing the seeds and to Kelly Yazzie, Maintenance Supervisor for providing the labor, man power and equipment necessary to make this all possible. They put in the fencing, irrigation system, wind breakers, and tilled the mulch into the garden. NNSDP and its partners look forward to working with New Dawn and Kayenta Community School in making this a continuing success for years to come…for our children health sake.

Bryan P.

Kayenta Youth Coed Baseball/T-Ball League

KAYENTA, Ariz. — Kayenta Township, Warrior Run Inc., NN Special Diabetes Project and Kayenta School District have all teamed up to bring our community and youth a Coed Baseball/T-ball League.

The main goal for this league is to start the youth off at an early age to help shape the minds of our youth and community, to teach them team work, respect, appreciation, intergrity and commuity involvement.

Here is a bullet point of all the encompassing goals, rules and ethics:

•Positive and exemplary sportsmanship and appropriate demeanor by everyone.
•Safety and well-being of players, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
•First-class representation of players, parents/families, coaches, umpires, and spectators.
•Always playing within the established rules of the game (e.g., age limits, etc.).
•The understanding that participation with the KAYENTA YOUTH COED BASEBALL/ T-BALL LEAGUE is a privilege and a player/family decision, completely voluntary, without any pressure or coercion...as such, dual/multiple participation questions or consequences (with other baseball teams, leagues, all-star post-season play, and/or organizations) are 100% family matters and family responsibilities.
•Team dress code, appearance, and player uniform standards...on and off the fields.
•Physical, mental, and spiritual preparation and fitness.
•Realization that all of our activities (instructional and competitive) are designed to enhance growth and development of all our players, families, and coaches.
•Equal respect and value of every teammate regardless of size, experience, talent, or performance...no criticism or "looking down on" anyone in any manner at any time for any reason whatsoever.
•Mutual respect, tolerance, understanding, and caring in all team matters.
•Coaches decisions (... whether we understand, like, or agree with them!)... and, no "coaching" from the stands.
•Emphasis on team spirit, team unity, team effort, and team success.
•Encouragement of everyone involved... players, coaches, parents, family members, et al.
•The reality that some players may have more plate appearances, playing time, positions/roles, and starting assignments, than other players.
•Tactful, quiet, one-on-one discussions of any concerns, questions, or ideas with coaches.
•Acknowledgement that each of us is responsible for our own thoughts, feelings, attitudes, decisions, and behaviors.
•Giving 100% of our attention, commitment, and effort to our team, and therefore to our team goals.
•Importance of leaving each other, each dugout, each ball park, each tournament site, and each situation in better shape than we found them.
•Outstanding player talent, effective/experienced coaching, and top competition.

The league will be accepting registration starting April 29, 2014 to May 23, 2014. You can contact Gunar Jensen for more information at phone #480-440-9295.

Kayenta Airport Improvements

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in airport projects. Fog seals are used extensively to maintain the quality of runways by rejuvenating porous friction course pavement and sealing the surface of smooth asphalt while preserving skid resistance. Fog seals are also utilized at times as a sealant over chip seals or new asphalt. In both applications they serve to seal the new surface as a preventative measure. These can be in either parking lots or on roadways.
•Install equipment building, a storage house for runway equipment like snow removal equipment.
•Terminal Building, air gateway or concourse for access to planes.
•Fuel Farm, Fuel storage tanks.

Southwestern Dietetic Internship

KAYENTA, Ariz. —Internship programs on the Navajo Reservation is not something you hear about too often. IHS's Southwestern Dietetic Internship Program has taken on an under grad studies program to help students in the field to expand on their cultural diversity.

Kayenta Township had the opportunity to meet and interview two interns from Indian Health Services, Laura Henkel and Laura Snider. It was very apparent that these two interns are not from around here (Navajo Reservation). Upon our initial meet you could see that the two interns were in a bit of a culture shock being from the city and seeing the way "Navajo's" conduct our day to day living and business here in Kayenta Ariz.

Laura H. originally from Montana and Laura S. being from Kansas, really didn't know what they were in for and had expected the worse conditions but were surprised and said that "Our visit here to Kayenta Ariz. had surpassed our expectations and we didn't really know what we were in for". Laura H. added that "the staff at IHS and the community had really welcomed us with big open arms. I also had the opportunity to stop by the flea market and try Mutton, to my amazement it was good and I finished it" as she laughed. "Samantha J. Interpreter from Kayenta Service Unit Dietitian has been very hospitable in showing us around and even the accommodations had well exceeded what we had imagined" stated Laura H.

Upon completion of their internship, Kayenta Township had the opportunity to get some feedback on their ending thoughts about their experience as interns here in Kayenta, Ariz. /Navajo Reservation.

How was your internship here on the Navajo Nation now that you two have finished your time here in Kayenta?

(Laura Henkel): Our time spent here on the reservation has been invaluable. I have learned a lot and have had many eye-opening experiences. I think I have grown a lot as a student and individual and I have many influential people here on the "Navajo Reservation" to thank for that. Our internship has been a great experience that has allowed us to practice nutrition in many facets of the community. I really enjoyed bringing what I have learned in school to people in the community.

(Laura Snider): Our internship experience on the Navajo Nation exceeded our expectations and was a pleasure to work with such a welcoming community. I am so grateful for the time we were able to spend in Kayenta. I have learned so much about myself and the Native American culture. It was wonderful to discuss nutrition with the community.

Would you recommend it to others?

(Laura Henkel): I would definitely recommend this internship to aspiring nutrition students. Navajo Nation has so many opportunities to get involved and lots of amazing people within the community who are welcoming to new people! I think it has been a unique rotation with lessons that will stay with me throughout my lifetime.

(Laura Snider): I would recommend this Southwestern Dietetic Internship to students interested in entering the field of nutrition. This internship provides so many valuable learning opportunities and is a great start into the nutrition profession.

Culturally, what did you think?

(Laura Henkel): I have learned a lot about Navajo culture throughout this rotation. I have learned that the Navajo language and traditions are alive and well. I think the culture is very unique and inspiring in the way that it brings people together and connects them through tradition. As a nutrition student, it has been a challenging yet rewarding experience to practice nutrition education in connection with some of the traditional Navajo beliefs.

(Laura Snider): The Navajo culture is very intriguing. I love how the Navajo people embrace one another as family and hold onto Navajo traditions.

Any parting words for our community and staff at IHS?

(Laura Henkel): Thank you to everyone who has made this such a successful and educating experience! I will surely not forget all that I have seen and learned here. I see great things in the future for Navajo Nation. Hopefully this is not "goodbye", but "until next time!"

(Laura Snider): I am truly grateful for your time and dedication. Thank you so much for contributing to my educational experience in nutrition. I will never be able to thank my supervisors enough for their time and dedication in helping me put my nutrition knowledge into practice. As Laura stated, "hopefully this is not goodbye, but until next time!"

The dietetic program is mainly focused on improving the communities' awareness and educate them on healthier eating and living. Different ways to replace junk food with healthier yummier foods then what most of us here on the reservation have become accustomed to eating.

The goal and the mission of the Southwestern Dietetic Internship-SWDI program is to prepare graduates of the Didactic Programs in Dietetics to become a culturally competent entry level Registered Dietitians. The emphasis of our program is increase diversity in the dietetics profession by increasing the numbers of qualified American Indian/Alaska dietetic professionals.

The SWDI is a 40-week program that is located in Phoenix at Phoenix Indian Medical Center with 7 weeks of the program being spent in Kayenta, Arizona for the Rural Community Nutrition Rotation. The internship is a professional, supervised practice program where interns will be expected to apply the knowledge gained during their undergraduate studies. The internship class size is 2 interns who complete most rotations concurrently.

Thus far we have 15 interns with 13 interns that have graduated from the SWDI and 10 of the interns now working at an Indian Health Service Unit and/or a Native American Community on the Navajo Reservation, Phoenix and California areas.

For more information please visit http://www.azdieteticprograms.org/index.cfm

Kayenta Alternative Health Care Facility

Rendering of conceptial staff housing provided by IHS

KAYENTA, Ariz. —On February 20 Kayenta Township had the opportunity to visit the new health facility located just northeast of Kayenta.

As we approached the new facility with our site guide, you could see how much thought and planning had gone into this new building. The facility has the inviting feel to it as you come up the entryway. Our guide had mentioned that even the weather and elements were a big factor in the decision making part of the design. Outside visitor's sections all have been placed in an area where the winds would not cause visitors problems. The alignment of the building was also placed in such a way to complement our local traditions and surrounding landscape.

"This Project is dearest to my heart, I love coming out here, it has that magical, sacred feel to it, but one obstacle I had encountered out here is my first hurricane type snow storm," said project architect Max Parelli.

All in all it was a great site visit to see what services this new Health Facility will provide for our community.

"The new Health Center will have provide CT scans, there will be accommodations for the mobile MRI unit, a drive-through pharmacy lane, a 24-hour emergency department, lots of clinic space and exam rooms, a demonstration kitchen, a full maternity/labor and delivery unit, operating rooms, and optometry, ENT, a meditation/traditional healing area, and physical therapy/wellness area. Over 30 Dental seats for kids and adults." Stated Shad Schoppert, who is the

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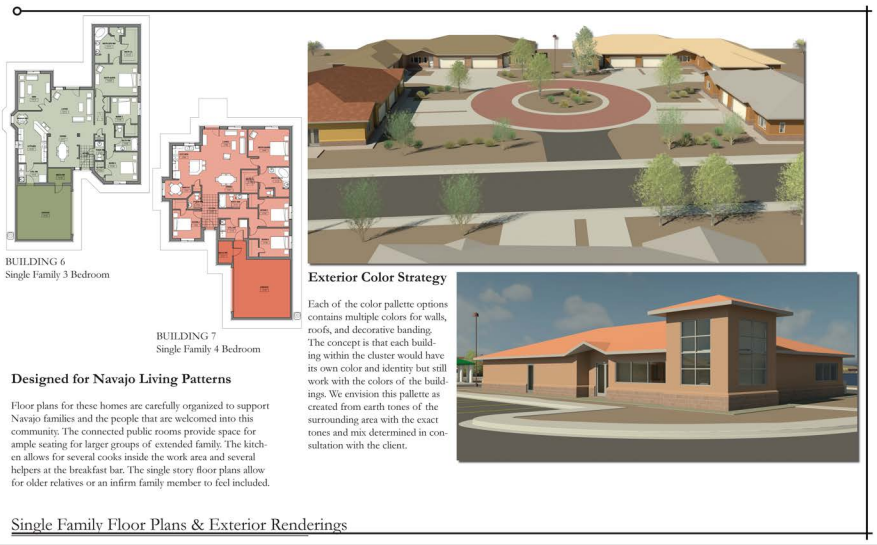
"This is a huge success on this project. The local work force has poured their hearts into the project. They have really done a wonderful job and the level of quality and craftsmanship in their work is outstanding. You can really tell that they care about the end product"

– Shad Schoppert, Senior Engineer Indian Health Services

Apartment Floor Plan

Kayenta Staff Quarters
Kayenta, Arizona
M. GREENBERG CONSTRUCTION
JOHNSON SMITTHIPONG & ROSAMOND



Single Family Floor Plans & Exterior Renderings

Kayenta Staff Quarters
Kayenta, Arizona
M. GREENBERG CONSTRUCTION
JOHNSON SMITTHIPONG & ROSAMOND

Kayenta Alternative Health Care Facility

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senior engineer for Indian Health Services.

Schoppert replied to the following questions by email:

1.Where are we, as in progress?

"The contractor is around 68 percent complete with the construction project. The contractor has begun grading the parking lots, driveways, and access road in advance of placing the concrete sidewalks and curb/gutter and laying asphalt. The contractor is progressing with in-wall and above ceiling plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work. Drywall is beginning to be installed in certain areas of the building."

2.Completion date?

"The construction of the Health Center should be completed next spring 2015. Unfortunately, we still don't have a precise date for when the facility will be opened for patients because there are quite a few things that need to happen in advance of any opening (outfit the building with supporting medical equipment, install office furniture, move existing medical equipment/material/devices/files over, etc.). Moving all of the services to the new facility is a very complex and complicated undertaking. We will get a better idea of the actual opening date as we get closer to the completion of the construction."

3.What makes this health facility unique?

"Besides the services that are being provided by the care-givers in the facility, this facility will have a rain-water recycling system for landscaping, photovoltaic system on the roof, very energy efficient building envelope, and very efficient heating and cooling systems. It will be a great improvement for both the providers and the patients."

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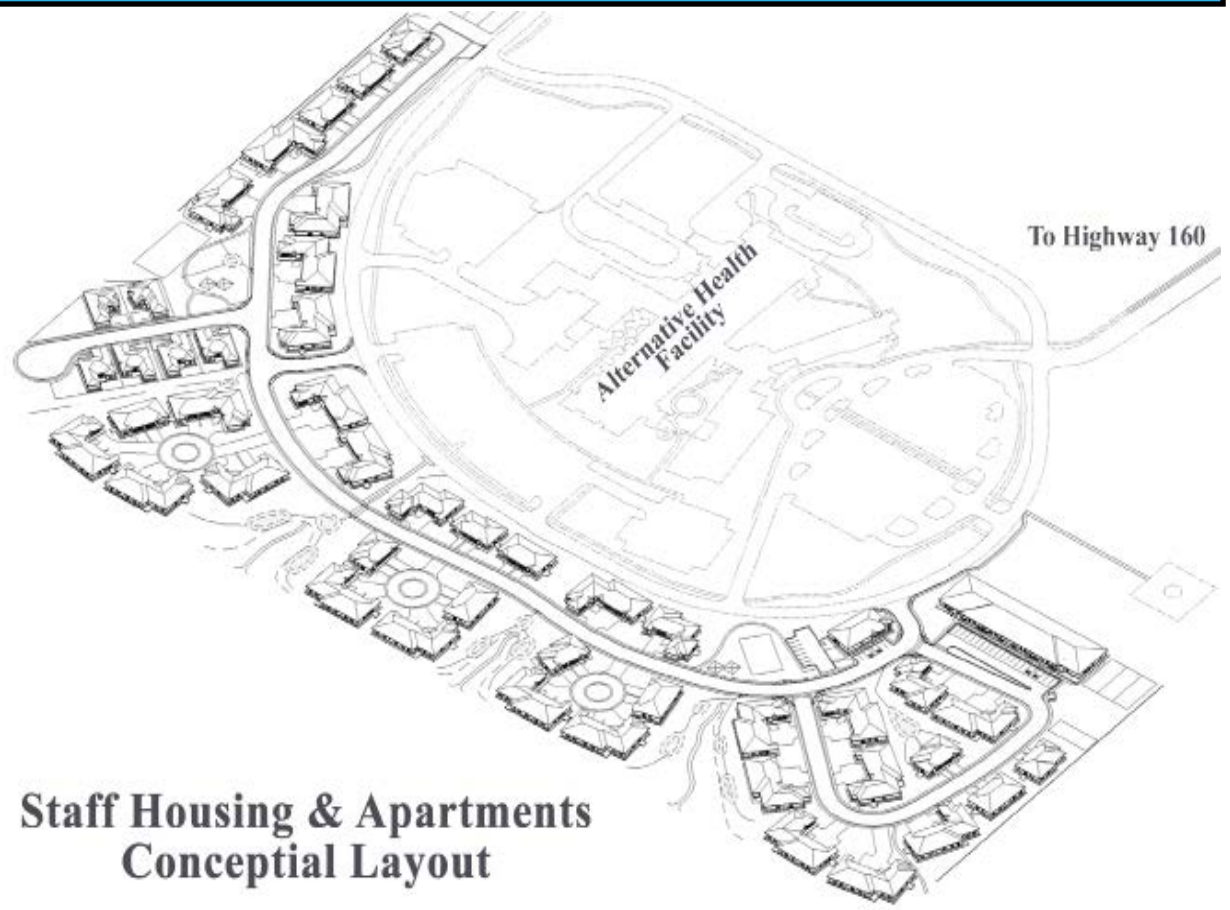
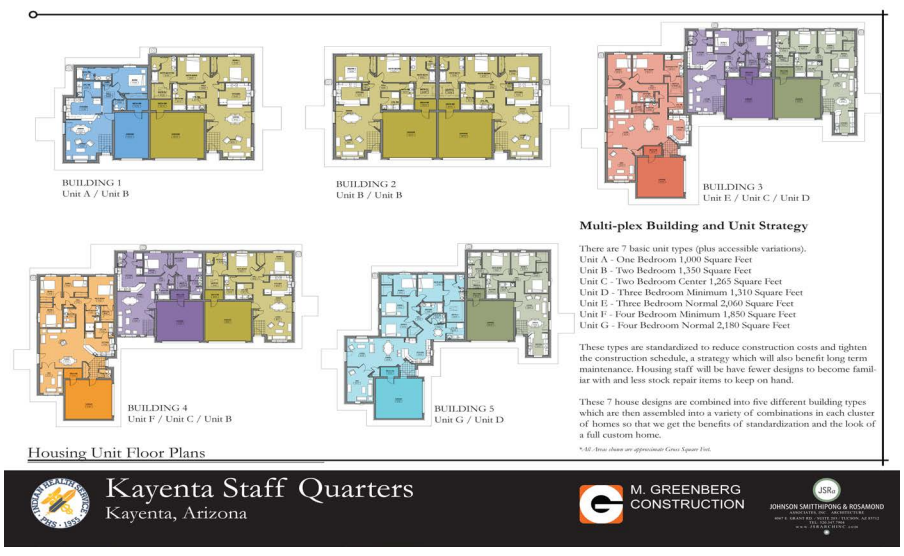
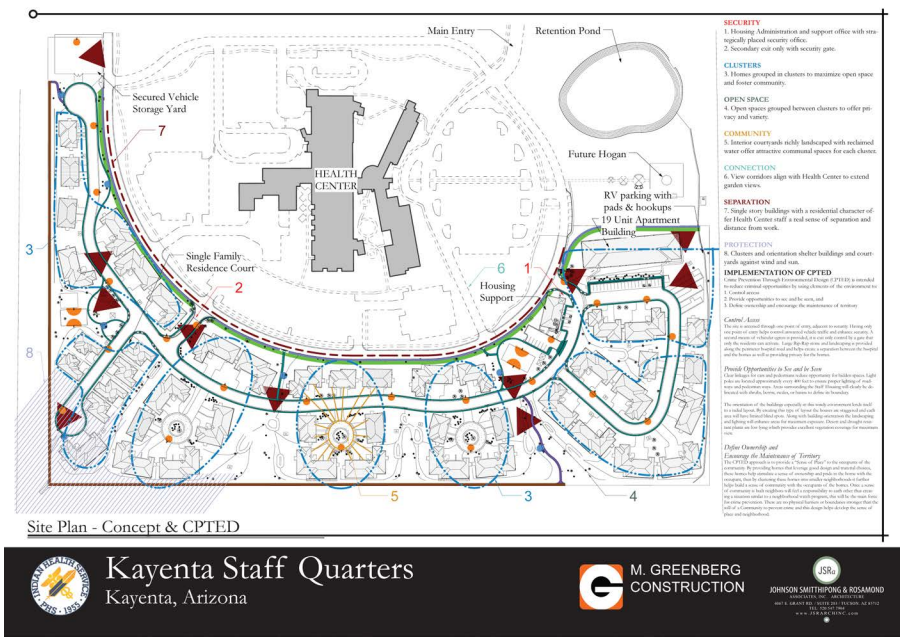
4.When will staff housing construction begin?

"The Staff quarters, construction crews have mobilized to the project and have begun setting up for their work. There will be a ground breaking for the quarter's project on March 19th to officially kick off the project."