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Community Development in Kayenta Paves the Way for Major Projects



The reconstruction of the Kayenta Airport was a major milestone in the Townships Capital Improvement Plan.

By Malcom Benally

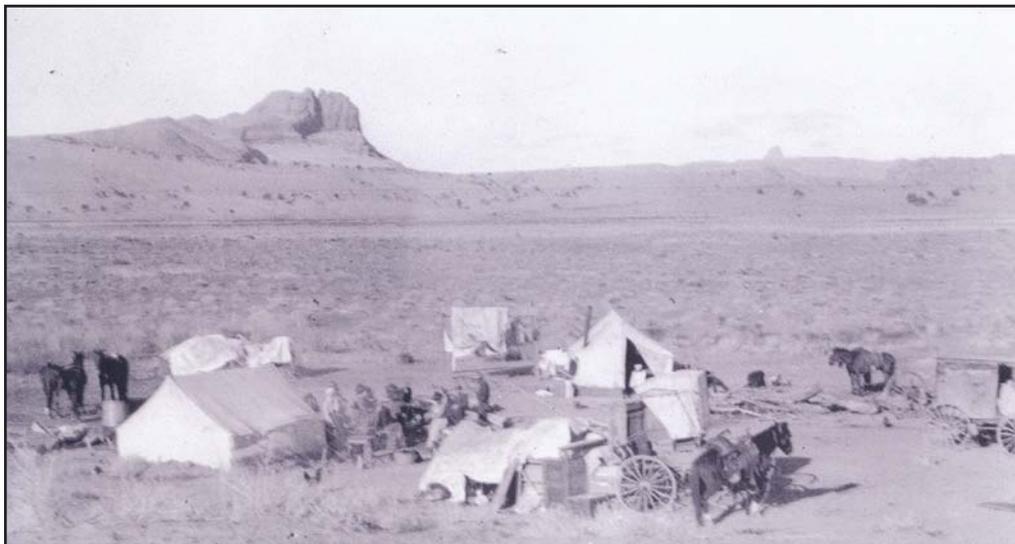
KAYENTA, AZ- It has been just over a year that Community Development Director, Gabriel Yazzie took on a heavy work load as the main go-to-guy for capital improvement projects, road maintenance, and infrastructure development projects for the Kayenta Township.

When Gabriel first started with the Kayenta Township, the major milestones that had been achieved were improvements that were made on the Kayenta Airport (which called for a new Dedication and Celebration in late 2009). The community and its youth also experienced new places to go for wellness as the opening of the Kayenta Recreation Center, Skate Park, and Playground areas were opened to the public in August 2006.

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Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial 1910-2010 and 4th of July Rodeo and Cultural Events

By Malcolm Benally



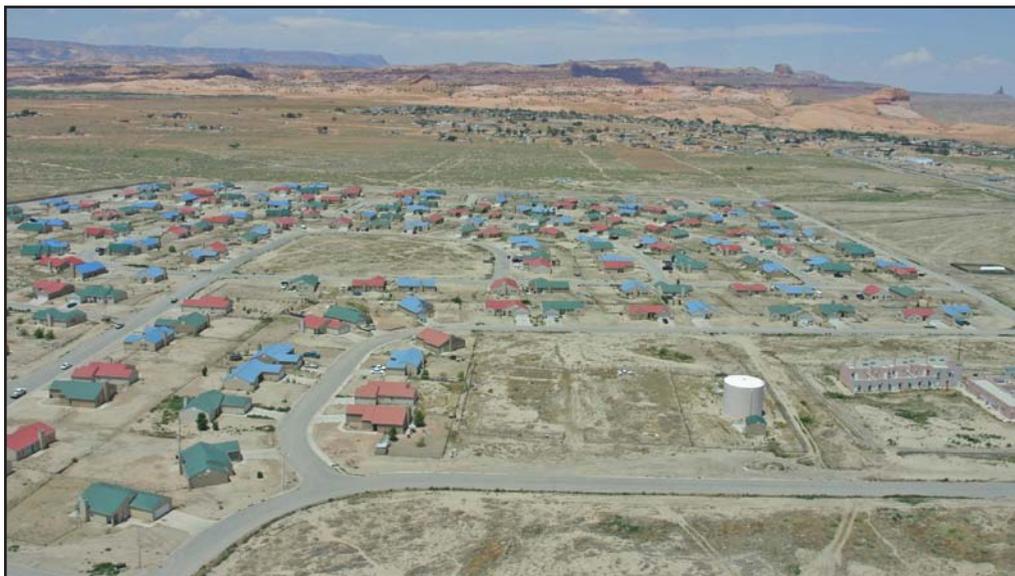
Kayenta in the early 1900's. John Wetherill's Trading Post was nothing more than a few tents at the time.

KAYENTA, AZ – The Kayenta Fourth of July Festivities this year will be packed with many showcase events from Tuesday, June 29, 2010 through Sunday, July 04, 2010. The theme for this year is: "Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial Year 1910 – 2010." The Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo has been voted Rodeo Of The Year from 2003 to 2009.

Madame Chair Helen Bonnaha sits talking to the Town Manager in his office after a meeting, and she says, "When the Commission was first asked to consider sponsoring the 4th of July Festivities, we shared several ideas. In the end, we decided this should be a day we give back to the community. Then I realized the benefits we received from those events, and that sold me to the idea that we should help to sponsor the festivities each year. That's how it all started," she said.

So, now that the rodeo has found its niche, the key word for the Five Day festivities this year will be: "Food!" To begin with, each morning beginning at 7:00 am (except for Thursday at 8:00 am), a free pancake and

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Kayenta has grown significantly in the past 100 years as this aerial view of Kayenta clearly shows.

Book on the History of Kayenta and Monument Valley set for October Release

Prior to the twentieth century, the northern border country of Arizona near Monument Valley was still a frontier wilderness. Even after 400 years of European occupation, this wild expanse was little explored and unsurveyed, its venturers turned back

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2 Town Managers Message

By Keith Betsuie

The Kayenta Township Commission (KTC) is planning to proceed on a path of transformative change unique to our times. As the only municipal structured government on the Navajo Nation, the Township is on the verge to embark on a path of greater sustainability and new economic growth.

TRANSITION:

My first month as Town Manager has been completed. The transition process has been positive, everyone has been most gracious, cooperative and helpful. Commissioners and staff have been very helpful with guiding me with my new roles and responsibilities.

I am learning the many skills of staff and as well the Township's municipal capabilities. I am absorbing the municipal environment and observing how the many organizational elements work together. I am getting a grasp and an understanding the many projects that are being proposed and nearly in the construction stage. The pace is fast and the learning curve is intense.

BUDGET FORMULATION:

The Kayenta Township staff has been working on many items with the most important being the budget for the FY 2010/2011. Directors and staff have been actively taking part in creating the new budget. We have reviewed projects, proposed numbers, discussed budget totals and reconciled numbers on many occasions. We have decided on a budget that will fit the Directors plans for the next fiscal year. Commissioners will review the proposed budget, comment and formally approved before actual implementation.

REORGANIZATION:

My initial assessments of the Township are positive and believe we are ready for the next stage of municipal growth and development. I find the Township standing on solid ground from a financial and staffing perspective. In the next budget year, I am confident the Township will fund

new key positions that are important to any municipality.

I am excited of the possibility of adding staff that will allow the Township to pursue new municipal goals, to acquire skills and capabilities not possessed before, such as: municipal planning, grant proposal writing, building inspections and plan review.

NEW INITIATIVES: MUNICIPAL PLANNING

The importance of a municipal planning is vital. The proper implementation of land-use planning procedures and methods is essential for a young growing community. Municipal planning will ensure the proper implementation and development of land-use ordinances and codes unique to our region. A professional planner will begin the work on providing the Township with important data related to a Master Drainage Plan and Flood Plain maps the Kayenta area has many types of land categories that need to be acknowledged, such as: federal trust land, state fee land, right-of-ways, allotted lands and Chapter land areas.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The creation of a Planning and Zoning Commission comprised of citizen's will assist the Township Commission in the implementation of code and land-use ordinances. The formal process of zoning, identifying parcels of land for the highest and best use and adopting land-use concepts will be a role of this Commission. In addition to reviewing the home-site lease process and addressing the shortage of residential housing which is an obvious need that requires attention.

REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

The Township intends to create a planning document to assess the many infrastructure, roads and residential issues affecting the Wetherill Heights area. The introduction of proper planning methods, communication with stakeholders, discussion of futuristic thought and vision, needs to begin. This would include identifying the area as a Redevelop-

ment District. This study would also propose likely areas for transportation corridors, including primary and secondary roads, identification of drainage areas, the placement of new water and sewer lines. Action on this issue will begin a process of directing resources to this region of our community. The continued omission of the area cannot be delayed.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Due to the many future planned developments and proposed building construction, the Township is requesting that Building Inspection capability be added to staff. Buildings are being constructed within the Townships boundaries without the proper oversight and building code adherence to ensure that structures are properly built. Today, critical electrical conduits and sewer lines are assembled and being buried without Township inspections. A Building Official will provide the Township with the capability to review plans, inspect all-phases of building construction, issue permits and provide Certificates of Occupancy to home owners and commercial building owners. These are functions normally provided by municipalities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY ORGANIZATION

In order to spur regional economic development initiatives and introduce businesses in the Township, an Economic Development entity is being considered. The Township intends develop an entity that would create an environment that attract businesses to our community or assist prospective entrepreneurs to establish their own businesses. Many smaller tribes have used this same mechanism to obtain contracts with the county, state and federal governments, which provided much needed jobs on Tribal reservations. Many Indian communities had great success through this economic development vehicle.

DEVELOPMENTS

Everyone will soon enjoy the benefit of having a variety of new developments occur within the Township. Developments soon to start are: the Indian Health Service Medical Facility, a state sponsored vocational



Keith Betsuie - Town Manager

school called N.A.T.I.V.E. A detention center secured by federal stimulus funding has nearly completed the Engineering and Design stage. We are also in the preliminary discussions to build a Head Start facility. An ALCO retail store will soon begin groundwork in the southwest junction area.

Notable Meetings:

KAYENTA CHAPTER:

The Kayenta Chapter Community Based Land-Use Planning (CBLUP) Committee has requested the Town Manager to continue participation on the CBLUP Committee. This will ensure that important planning information between the Chapter and Township jurisdictions are effectively communicated. A positive Chapter-Township relationship is an important goal for all.

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY MEETING

Township Manager and staff attended the Western Navajo Agency meeting in Chilchinbeto on March 20, 2010. The Navajo Nation political season is upon us; many political candidates were in attendance and were provided the opportunity to make political speeches.

I am excited about the future path of the Kayenta Township, the possibilities are certainly endless.

My contact information is 928-697-8451 or via e-mail at kbetsuie@kayentatownship.net

Keith Betsuie
Town Manager

Arthur Bradley

US CAVALRY, COMPANY C, 6TH REGIMENT

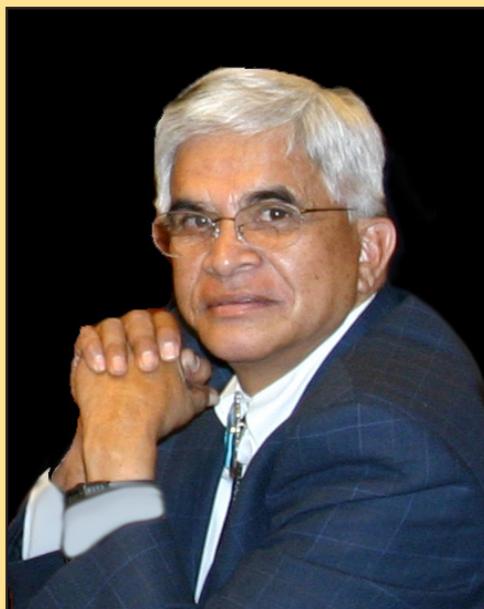
By Richard Mike

In his younger days, Arthur Bradley was in the US Cavalry, Company C, 6th Regiment. He originally came to the Navajo reservation by way of Ft. Wingate as a freighter for the US Government. In 1913, he entered an agreement with G.W. Sampson of Gallup, New Mexico to be the Operating Manager of Mr. Sampson's Trading Post at Bitter Weed Water, (Chilchinbeto) Arizona. He applied for his first "Indian Trader's License" which was granted for a one-year time period February 12, 1913 to February 11, 1914. The Navajo people in the area called him De'gaii'ichee' (Red Mastache).

"Trading licenses were issued only to citizens of the United States and who are fit persons to be in the Indian Country. A trader was required to furnish a \$10,000 bond before receiving a license and afterwards, he was responsible for the conduct of his employees."

When Arthur Bradley applied for his second "Indian Trader's License", he had to prove that he didn't have a drinking problem and he wasn't a "squaw man". A squaw man was a white inhabitant who lived with squaws. The drinking and squaw man allegations by the BIA also necessitated the purchase of a \$10,000 bond with Mr. Bradley as principal and William H. Morris and C.N. Cotton, as sureties; both Mr. Morris and Mr. Cotton were from Gallup, New Mexico.

His second "Indian Traders License" was approved July 21, 1914 to July 20, 1915 by the Ft. Defiance Indian Agency Education Office. In those days, the Navajo reservation had only one BIA Agent at Ft. Defiance and Chilchinbeto was thought to be in Apache County. On a Wednesday, March 25, 1919, Arthur Bradley was found dead in his cabin. Evidently, he had died in his sleep and most likely, he was discovered by



Above Photo: Richard Mike is the Kayenta Township Commission Treasurer; he is a regular contributor to the Kayenta Today with historical articles pertaining to the history of Kayenta, AZ.

his Navajo wife Sue and she sent messengers to Kayenta. The Navajo messengers informed the Wetherills at 3:00 pm Thursday and the following individuals departed immediately on the difficult trip to Chilchinbeto (Bitter Weed Water) : Albert B. Reagan, Principal of Marsh Pass School, Kayenta, John Wetherill, Trader of Kayenta Trading Post, Lousia Wetherill, Trader of Kayenta Trading Post, C. Caldwell, Custodian of the Kayenta TB Center, and J.F. Buckbee.

Mr. Bradley was thought to be approximately 70 years old and suffered from severe attacks of rheumatism. They determined that he had died of natural causes and then buried the body of Mr. Bradley; they then invoiced the goods in his residence, store, and warehouses. During this time of Mr. Arthur Bradley's untimely death, Mr. Sampson was in the hospital at Gallup with a broken arm. At this point in time, Mr. Bradley's known heirs were: Susie Bradley, a full-blood Navajo, two half-breed sons: Frank Bradley, US Artillery in France and Lee Bradley, a student at Albuquerque Indian School.

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Lee and Sara Bradley

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Children in front of the Kayenta Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The car belonged to David Peshlaka of Chinle, AZ, whose wife was a T.B. patient. L-R: Dorothy Yazzie, Clitso, unidentified T.B. patient, Jane Begay from Gallup, NM, Lillian Bradley (Smith) and Sarah Louise Bradley who is holding a T.B. baby patient.

IMAGES OF AMERICA Kayenta and Monument Valley

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by sheer cliffs, steep and rocky trails, scarcity of water, extreme temperatures, and wind-swept sand dunes. Traditional Navajos living in the nether region of Navajo Mountain and Monument Valley were the descendants of bands who had evaded capture by Kit Carson's soldiers and incarceration at Bosque Redondo. Living in this inaccessible terrain, they maintained their nomadic way of life, herding horses and large flocks of sheep, moving seasonally to follow the grazing.

As late as 1907, the federal government considered the region to be inhospitable, inhabited only by primitive and sometimes hostile Navajos and Paiutes. A military reconnaissance was surprised to find, contrary to the reports, a landscape that was intriguing and inhabitants who were intelligent and friendly. The Indian Service then began referring to this section of the Navajo Reservation as

The Kayenta District. The name is an anglicized version of a Navajo phrase that has been translated "animals fall into deep water", or "bog hole".

In December 1910, pioneer Indian traders John and Louisa Wetherill and their business partner, Clyde Colville, relocated their mercantile operation from Oljato, Utah, thirty miles to the north, into the Kayenta district. That marked the beginning of the town of Kayenta that has grown into an important hub of commerce, tourism, and lore on the Colorado Plateau.

From its beginning, Kayenta was a unique and significant place. The Wetherills' regard for the Navajo won them the trust of the people, and in time their new friends disclosed secrets of their culture and their land. From them, John and Louisa were to learn of the great natural arch, Non-nezoche (Rainbow Bridge), the

location of the magnificent ruins at Betatakin (House on Rock Ledge), the names and types of plants gathered and used in the Navajo songs and ceremonies, and the folklore and traditions of The People. To Anglos, the Navajo, Paiute, and Hopi, so little changed over the centuries, were mysterious and exotic, the wild scape of their homelands breathtaking, and the Wetherills' lodge at Kayenta was uniquely poised as a threshold to both. The Wetherill home provided access to the terrain of both cultural ceremony and physical wilderness in Navajoland. Over the first four decades of the twentieth century, hundreds of visitors seeking adventures in the American Southwest would be welcomed through its rustic door. Writers, artists, and tourists began making their way to Kayenta to join the cohort of archaeologists, ethnologists, and geologists. The names of famous and well-to-do paying guests line up with those of cowpokes, packers, and guides, miners, traders, and government clerks.

Zane Grey first came to Kayenta in 1913 and was so impressed that he used it a prominent locale in two of his novels. "Colorful, bustling, and beautiful," he later recalled. "Navajos and Paiutes bestride their shaggy mustangs or lolled in the post. Heaps of wool lay scattered around, hides littered the slabstone floor. Flocks of sheep and goats passed, shepherded by Indian boys. Dark moving riders were silhouetted at sunset against the gold of the horizon. Peace and prosperity and happiness pervaded."

The history of Kayenta and Monument Valley will be captured through photographs and text in an upcoming book in the Images of America series. Current and former residents helped supplement the authors' collections of historic photos. The publication date is scheduled for October, in time for the centennial of the founding of the Kayenta Trading Post this December.

The Official Book Cover

Pictured: Hall Burns, Navajo man with the bandana; John Burns, the lad behind the white gasoline hose and the son of Hall Burns.

The Anglo man is one of the scientists taking part in the Rainbow Bridge/Monument Valley Expedition, 1933-38. Ansel Hall was in charge of the expedition and he bargained a fleet of brand new trucks and station wagons from the Ford Motor Company for advertisements. That automobile is a 1936 Ford station wagon.

Some of these expeditions became the source of books, journals in magazines, famous still photographs, postcards, and films. Kayenta and Monument Valley, a book by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis and Harvey Leake is scheduled to be published in October 2010.

KAYENTA, ARIZONA

In December 1910, Indian traders John and Louisa Wetherill opened their trading post—with a tent for supplies (and sleeping) and a store counter of boards laid across two barrels. From that modest beginning, Kayenta became the center of Navajo gatherings and exploring expeditions to Rainbow Bridge, Monument Valley, and the grand cliff dwellings in Tsegi Canyon. Soon came a parade of visitors, including authors, painters, and archaeologists, as well as cowboys, miners, traders, and tourists. The Kayenta Township today is home to descendants of the early inhabitants and the hub for thousands of annual visitors from around the world who come to see the magnificent region known as Monument Valley.

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis is the author of numerous books on the history of the American West. Harvey Leake is a descendant of Kayenta pioneers John and Louisa Wetherill. Their extensive collection of historic photographs is featured in this book. Kayenta Township Commissioner Richard Paul Mike is an anomaly within his own tribe, from having three first names to co-owning a number of fast-food restaurants and a hotel on the great Navajo Nation.

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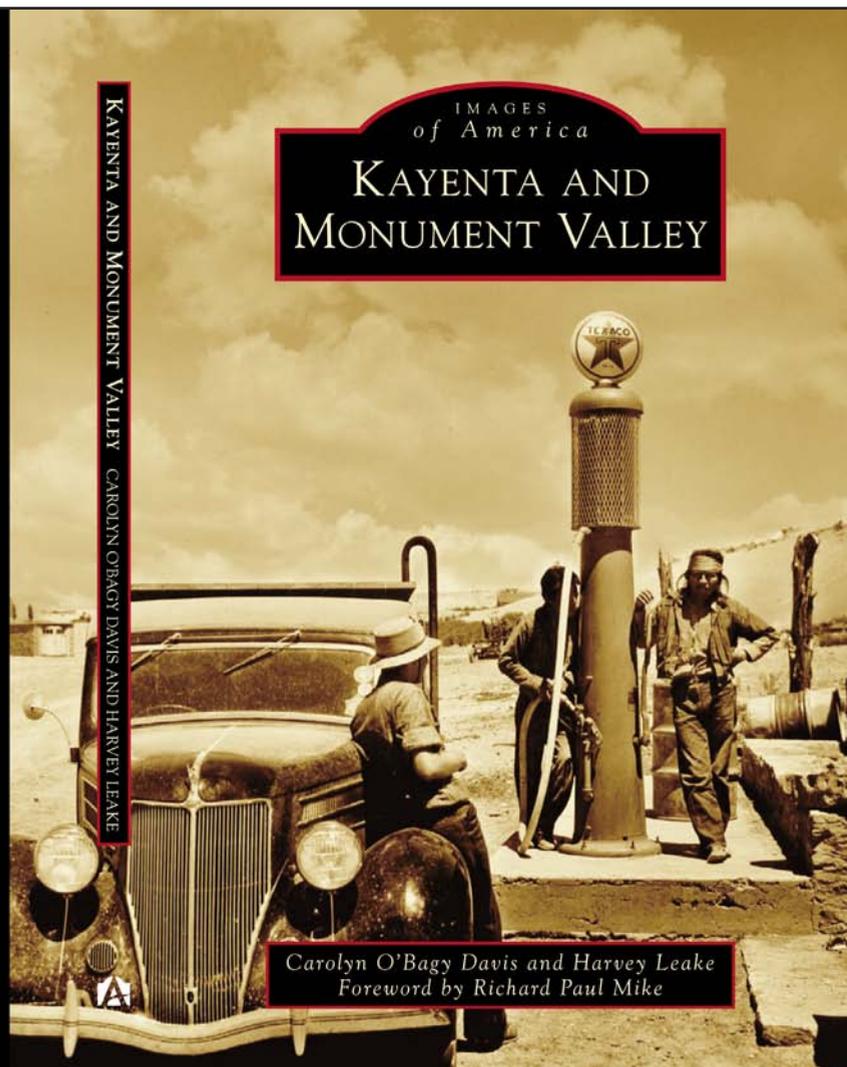
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sausage breakfast will be held at the Rodeo Grounds to kick off each of the days' festivities. Then on Saturday evening, the Kayenta 4th of July Pow-Wow dinner will be catered and served at 5:00 pm at the Monument Valley Student Activity Center.

Food Vendors will also be available at the rodeo grounds and at the Kayenta Recreation Center on July 01, 2010 on the day of the Centennial.

Beginning on June 29, 2010, walk-in entry at the Holiday Inn will begin at 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm to sign up for the Junior Rodeo. A free T-shirt will go to the first 100 entries. The Junior Rodeo, sanctioned by the Indian Junior Rodeo Association, is scheduled for June 30 beginning at 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information call Alfreda Bates at (505) 786-5025.

On Wednesday afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm on June 30, 2010 at the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds will be Beauty and The Beast which will feature Junior Bull Riding and Barrel Racing.

"Last year, we had a capacity crowd for each of the evening events," says Rodeo Coordinator JJ Young. "This year, we will be the pre-eminent 4th of July event and we have put up billboards with a message to that effect all the way up in Window Rock and the surrounding areas. We are advertising on the internet and local media," he says.

The Kayenta Rodeo Task Force, Kayenta Township, Police Department, Arizona Department of Transportation, Emergency Medical Services, Kayenta Chapter, and various organizational partnerships have been meeting at least on a bi-weekly basis to plan for a safe event for capacity crowds this year.

The committee to secured events for July 01, 2010: Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial 1910-2010 is meeting every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the Kayenta Town Hall Conference Room to plan for that day's events. The Kayenta Recreation Center will host Cultural Activities, Educational Booths, Arts and Crafts, Food



Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo 2008. (Photo: Jarvis Williams)

Vendors, and Lectures about the History of Kayenta and surrounding areas on July 01, 2010. There will be a \$3.00 entry fee for the public. If you want to be a Vendor, you can get a 10' X 10' booth for \$15.00. Food Vendors have to have their food already pre-prepared and the fee for Food Vendors will be \$25.00. Educational and Public Outreach Booths will be \$10.00.

At the Rodeo Grounds that day, Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial 1910-2010 will feature recognizing community members throughout time. The day's events will begin with a Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 pm and the day will be filled with Cultural Games, Contests, and Entertainment. Event's for this day are sponsored by the Kayenta Township and is scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an intermission for clean up until 7:30 pm when the Night Performance for the All-Indian Rodeo Commences.

KTNN, AM 660, "The Voice of the Navajo Nation", will host its popular Drums of Summer on the evening of July 01, 2010 beginning at 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Shepherd's Eye Visitor's Center and Courtyard next to McDonalds. This event will kick off the Kayenta Pow-Wow to be held at the Monument Valley High School Student Activity Center Gym on July 2nd to 3rd, 2010.

For the two day 7th Annual Kayenta Fourth of July Pow-Wow, there will be a \$5.00 general admission. On Friday, Gourd Dancing will begin at 11:00 am and Grand Entry at 2:00 pm. On Saturday, Gourd Dancing will begin at 10:00 am and Grand Entry begins at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. At 5:00 pm on Saturday, the Pow-Wow will host a Free Dinner for all participants. The event's flyer features a "Chicken Dance Special" where the winner will take home \$1,000.00.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Alvin Keeswood. The Northern Host Drum will feature Herman Begay's Stone Creek Singers. The Southern Host Drum will feature Rance and Roderick Redhouse's Southern Soul Singers. The Arena Director will be Cecil American Horse. And the Head Gourd Dancer will be Wesley Simpson, Sr. of the Western Inter-tribal Gourd Society.

On Saturday, July 03rd, 2010, rodeo event participants can even treat themselves to the Kayenta's 2nd Annual Skateboard and BMX Contest at the Kayenta Recreation Center from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Skate Park. That morning, the Recreation Center staff will also sponsor the Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial 1910-2010 Parade from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

The Old Gym at the Monument Valley High School will also feature the always popular Navajo Song and Dance from 10:00 am to Midnight.

Sunday is the highly anticipated 4th of July shindig, where all the Rodeo competitors in their respective events will determine the Champions, All Around Cowboy, and the like. This year, the 4th of July Fireworks will end the celebration at 11:00 pm. The Final Performance beginning at 7:30 pm will carry the theme: Tough Enough To Wear Pink dedicated to raising awareness for Breast Cancer.

And for all the deep Country fans, ACE'S WILD will be playing all night long each evening beginning at 7:00 pm to Midnight on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Kayenta Recreation Center.

For now, these are all the secured events for the 4th of July Festivities this year. Kayenta or K-Town is the place to be. Come one, Come All!



Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo 2007. (Photo: Jarvis Williams)

Featured Business:

L & L Auto Parts

Quality and value in auto parts right here in Kayenta!



By Shonie De La Rosa

Living in Kayenta has its advantages and disadvantages to a lot of us. One of the biggest issues many of us face living here is the costs of various goods we all need to get by in life such as groceries, gasoline, and propane just to name a few. One thing many of us probably never think about is auto parts. It's only when your vehicle breaks down half way down the dirt road to Chilchibeto and you desperately need a part is when you begin to think, "What we need around here is an auto parts store."

You are then reminded of the other auto parts stores in Kayenta that have come and gone over the years that had outrageously priced cheap parts and then you rephrase yourself, "We need an auto parts store with affordable quality parts!"

Well there's no need to wish any more. Kayenta now has L&L Auto Parts which also happens to be an authorized NAPA Auto Parts retailer. Although the store has been open since June 2008, some people outside of Kayenta may not know about this much needed store and the goods and services they offer.

L&L Auto Parts is owned by Wayland LaFont and is located in Kayenta just off Highway 163 down the hill from the Wetherill Best Western Motel. Many of you may be thinking, "Isn't this where the old Kayenta Trading Post is?" Well you are exactly right. The L&L Auto Parts store was the old Kayenta Trading Post.

In the beginning, Wayland was desperately trying to find a business site with housing. When the sale of the old Trading Post came up, it was the perfect opportunity for Wayland to make his move because the store was very big and most of all it included housing. Wayland bought the store from the previous owners Ronnie

Melissa Biard who ran the old Kayenta Trading Post for many years.

When the old Kayenta Trading Post closed its doors for good a few years ago, many in the community of Kayenta were very sad to see it go. It was and still is considered by many people a historical landmark in Kayenta because of its history and the memories it left behind for many people.

There were fears by some in the community that the new owner, Wayland may tear down the old Trading Post. The building was very old and was in desperate need of a complete overhaul. Wayland had no plans of tearing down the building and wasted no time investing over \$65,000 into renovations which included a new roof and a complete renovation of both the inside and outside of the building.

Over the months people watched as Wayland and his crew began to transform the old Kayenta Trading Post. Soon the outside of the building was painted and new pavement went down in the parking lot. It wasn't long after that people began to see the NAPA logo go up and I personally saw some familiar hand painted lettering being painted on the building.

For many years there had always been a very unique hand painted billboard on Highway 163 by the Wetherill Motel advertising the Kayenta Trading Post. The hand painted lettering on the billboard was always perfect and really stood out to capture people's attention as they drove by. This trade is not practiced as much as it use to be many years ago.

For years I have always wanted to know who did these signs. I have always looked at them as works of art, so I asked Wayland, "Who is the person that does this work for you?"



Top Photo: The Old Kayenta Trading Post.

Bottom Photo: L&L Auto Parts and the New Tire Shop on the left.

Wayland responded, "There is a man named Lawrence Spencer from Indian Wells that does all my signs and lettering. He does all the billboards as well as all the lettering on our tour vehicles in Monument Valley. He is an extremely talented individual."

Lawrence Spencer truly is a very talented individual; I believe that it is his work that had given the old Kayenta Trading Post some visual personality with his hand painted signs and lettering that we all will remember for many years come. His work will still grace the same building and billboard but this time it will be for L&L Auto Parts.



Lawrence Spencers work on the billboard that used to advertise the old Kayenta Trading Post.

As soon as renovations to the building were complete, NAPA engineers designed the store layout and it wasn't long after that, four NAPA semi trucks loaded with inventory rolled up and began to unload hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of parts into the store.

"It was amazing how fast they got everything up and running. This included stocking the inventory on shelves, installing the computer network and training everyone. They did all this in one week and we were open for business. They did an excellent job on getting us up and running very quickly." said Wayland.

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Aisles of parts fill the shelves at L&L Auto Parts.



Pictured L-R: Sam Pettigrew-Parts Manager, Leandra Charley-Cashier/Accounting, Mario Sampson-Parts, Jeremiah Dawes-Parts, Melville Hatahlie- Tire Shop, Wayland LaFont-Owner.

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L&L Auto Parts started out with an inventory worth \$500,000 when they opened and currently hold about \$700,000 worth of inventory in the store now. A portion of this inventory is attributed to the recent opening of a new tire shop right next door to the auto parts store.

“I decided to open a tire shop because there is nowhere in town that you can buy tires. We sell new and used tires and offer tire repair, rotation and balancing. We can also order custom wheels and install those too.” said Wayland.

According to Wayland, he plans to open a lube shop that will offer oil changing and lube jobs. He is currently waiting for approval from the Navajo Nation EPA Office. Once approved he will order a lift and all the other necessary equipment needed for lube and oil servicing. If all goes according to plan, the lube & oil shop should be open in about two months.

Many years ago in my own past experiences working on my vehicle, there were times that I needed a part immediately and I would go the auto parts store here in Kayenta to get what I needed.

This store is no longer here, but I vividly remember one time paying well over \$30 for a simple fuel filter that would have only cost me around \$5.00 in town. It was obvious that this business was marking up certain

parts 200 percent and in many cases even more just to take advantage of the customer. I believe they call it supply and demand to justify it.

With no competition for this auto parts store to compete with for at least 200 miles, this was and still is common practice for many businesses on the Navajo Nation. In the end, the consumer usually pays up whether they like it or not. And yes I did pay that \$30 for the fuel filter because I really needed it.

With that said, I asked Wayland about his prices for parts and services at his store.

Wayland stated, “Our costs are quite competitive with other name brand auto parts stores in town. NAPA parts have a very good reputation and have excellent warranties on their parts. They stand behind their products. The bottom line is you get what you pay for when buying an auto part. We’ve had people travel from as far as Winslow and Leupp to buy parts because our prices are so competitive.”

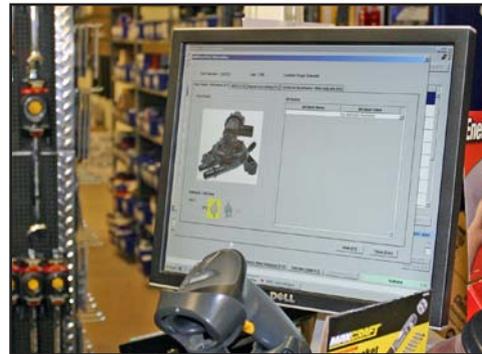
L&L Auto Parts currently employs seven people at the store. Sam Pettigrew is the Parts Manager, Leandra Charley is the Cashier as well as Accounting and Computer Tech Support, Melville Hatahalie does the Tire Shop as well as Parts, Jeremiah Dawes and Mario Sampson both do Parts, Lonnie Claw does Stocking and Custodial, and finally Laverne Jim who does the Accounting.



L&L Auto Parts keeps an ample stock of batteries, oil, filters and many other automotive parts in the store at all times. They can also special order parts and have it to you in no time!



The new L&L Tire Shop not only sells new and used tires and basic tire repair, but they also do wheel balancing and will soon offer lube and oil servicing.



L&L Auto Parts uses state of the art automotive parts software from NAPA to guarantee you get the right part.

“I like working here, it’s fun and it really keeps you busy.” said Sam Pettigrew.

Mario Sampson said, “We get really busy at times, but its fun and I really enjoy working here.”

“It gets really busy in the tire shop on Wednesdays because that’s Flea Market day. But I really like it here.” said Melville Hatahalie.

I have been to L&L Auto Parts a few times before writing this story and the staff is always nice and very helpful. As a matter of fact Melville Hatahalie fixed my flat tire the day before this story was written and he did a great job. He told me exactly where the hole in the tire was and repaired it right away. Best of all the price of the repair was very reasonable.

L&L Auto Parts store hours are as follows: Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm and the store is closed on Sundays. To contact L&L Auto Parts please call (928) 697-3040.



Melville Hatahalie repairs a tire in the new tire shop.

Before I end this story, I’d like to give you a very brief history of Wayland LaFont and his family.

Waylands grandfather, Justin LaFont bought the Thunderbird Lodge in Chinle, AZ back in the mid 50’s. He and his family built that business up and later built up the restaurant and tour businesses. His father Roland LaFont and mother Rosetta LaFont built the Canyon DeChelly Motel and Junction Restaurant. Wayland was born in Ganado, AZ and was raised in Chinle, AZ. His family sold the businesses in Chinle many years ago and purchased Gouldings in Utah.

He and his family have been in Gouldings for over 30 years. Wayland ventured out on his own to establish L&L Auto Parts and his sister Desire LaFont is the Manager as well as part owner of the Wetherill Best Western.



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The store was locked and on March 31, 1919, a letter was sent to the Ft. Defiance Indian Agency from Albert B. Reagan asking the BIA Agent to take charge of the estate. During this time, John Wetherill went through the files of Mr. Bradley and discovered the agreement that paid Mr. Arthur Bradley ninety dollars (\$90.00) a month, but was reduced to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) a month on November 18, 1915, then with the poor sales and trade at Chilchinbeto, his salary was finally reduced to sixty dollars (\$60.00) a month.

A letter was sent back to John Wetherill on April 14, 1919 by the US Indian Services Agent, S.A. Young stating that "Mr. G.W. Sampson of Lukachukai claims practically this entire estate and (I) have advised him to see that the matter is taken up in the proper probate court, the heirs determined and administrator

appointed". The Indian Agent went on to write: "I am informed that a marriage between a white man and an Indian is prohibited in Arizona". In deed, Father Bernard Haile of the St. Michael's Mission married the couple and had submitted a Marriage Certificate to the State of Arizona.

On March 3, 1927, an Act of Congress allowed widows of soldiers to participate under a deceased soldier's pension. Ten years after her husband's passing, July 19, 1929, Mrs. Sue Bradley was sent a blank application form to get a portion of her late husband's pension. Nothing happened. Two and a half years later, with John Wetherill acting on her behalf, US Senator Carl Hayden recommended Ms. Sue Bradley for a pension of forty dollars (\$40.00) a month. Five years later, October 5, 1936, Mrs. Sue Bradley was requesting the return of her marriage license from the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C.

Lee Bradley

In 1921, Lee Bradley married Sarah Lincoln LaPahe who resided at Burnside, New Mexico. (Presently, we call Burnside Hogback, located near Shiprock, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley had five children. From the Eldest to the younger:

Sarah Louise Bradley, First Husband – Martin D. Malone from Tuba City. He died of TB at age 48. Sarah then married Henry Rocha, Lee Bradley Jr. (Deceased 60's?), Frank William Bradley (Deceased) He would serve as a member of the Navajo Nation Councilman from Tuba City. And then Lillian Smith and Lucy Yazzie (Deceased) She was married to Dan Yazzie (Deceased).

Three Bradley children, Sarah, Lee Jr., and Frank attended the Marsh Pass School in Kayenta and after they finished the 8th grade, they went on to Ganado Mission and graduated.

**Susie Bradley**

March Pass School in Kayenta, AZ -1936 (estimated). The class of 1936 had one teacher, 1st to 8th grade until 1958. L-R Top Row: Ms. Dunaway, Tiny Taylor, Omega Mangum, Miss Meryle Davis(Teacher Aide), and Jesse Taylor. Seated L-R: K'ishi (the Bradleys dog), Frank W. Bradley, Lee Bradley, Sara Louise Bradley, (black coat, daughter of Norman D. Nevills, Mexican Hat, UT) Daisy Mangum, Dorothy Wetherill and two of the Mangum Kids. The teacher Ms. Dunaway was married to Dale Dunaway whose job was to repair windmills; they resided in Chinle, AZ.

10 The BIZ is the BIZ

By Ken Whitehair

**The following opinion does not reflect the views of the Kayenta Township.*

Business Site Leasing Committee (BSLC) of Kayenta Township met several times, since January 2010. Unexpectedly I was appointed Chair.

BSL was made to examine and approve business leases within Kayenta Township. That's the primary purpose of BSLC. With three meetings, leases and temporary sites for construction companies, have been approved. The business site lease process follows a cookbook and is predictable. The movement of proper business documents timewise has shortened from months to weeks to even days! This is performance.

BSLC functions within a small community, with more than 6,000 population, as an added committee to Township office. Kayenta Township, I might add, has an official boundary. Is this important? It sure is. For instance, when the 2010 census is reckoned, Navajo people residing inside Township will be known, so too Kayenta Chapter Navajo residence numbers. And for both, housing characteristics. If a community boundary does not exist, in effect that community also does not exist; that community is simply part of the Chapter, or part of Navajo Nation government.

Now, at Kayenta Township, where is the working population employed? Most are employed with services sector, which is the official name for those employed with government schools, government clinic, government jail, any government office for that matter. Retail and Hospitality—meaning stores, restaurants/hotel combo—have employment and that picture will become growing sectors.

Mining sector has the lowest employees (Miners reside in Township). How many Navajo persons are UNEMPLOYED, live on fixed income, at Kayenta Township? Is this important? Sure is. Not to know these kinds of Township numbers is the same as to be ignorant. In the world of today, ignorance comes along with a heavy cost: eventually you pay for

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being ignorant. Kayenta Township has to move to get rid of ignorance. This will decrease cost due to ignorance. To overcome ignorance it is necessary to be informed. Township Navajo cannot afford to be the least informed. One way is through reading, which is the practice of literacy.

It is justly recently that some Navajo have learned to read and write the foreign language. Reading and Writing are useful and its practice needs to become extensive—everybody has to do it. Access to written works often housed in a library has to be demanded of the governments, as well as expanded access to Internet. Once industrial espionage was done by our great grandparents, the utility of sheep and cattle was valued, because the ripped off spring lambs eventually fed our people. Reading and Writing can do the same there before its utility.

Literacy is required of each BSLC member because after measurements, a way to increase employment opportunities has to be created (and is usually written), or, a strategy has to be hatched. One strategy to decrease unemployment and increase employment opportunities is to attract for-profit businesses. This strategy will hold for a while.

About Rez unemployment: Rez Unemployment is BAD news. Unemployment is pervasive throughout the Navajo family structure. Its twin is poverty and causes crippling impotency. Poverty causes irregular school attendance and marginal school performance, which leads to limited marketable skills. In a sense, our children will play into an expectation theory with major disadvantages. A consequence will be to compete less effectively, get lower paying jobs if any, get lower status strictly grease monkey jobs, a lower standard of living. We Navajo can conclude unemployment, poverty, less marketable skills, less able to

compete--all and more are drastic in effect and stunt the growth of our people on any scale!

Navajo has to find the energy to field an attitude that is aggressive to consider the causes of unemployment, poverty. The governments involved have produced marginal Navajo economic status. These governments are federal government, state governments, Department of Interior, and current Navajo Nation government. These governments had and have a causative role sustaining Navajo poverty.

As a result, Navajo people face the challenge to overcome poverty, in its many disguises. Its true Navajo was put into poverty but that does not mean we Navajo must accept living in poverty. One view is the disaster of large unemployment does present Kayenta Township with an opportunity. This opportunity is to organize our people, burn energy, develop talking, listening, leadership skills; network with other Federally Recognized Tribes (FRTs) and groups, build alliances, even other countries, such that outcomes can lead to prosperity. Simply, Navajo has to fight off the repression of poverty.

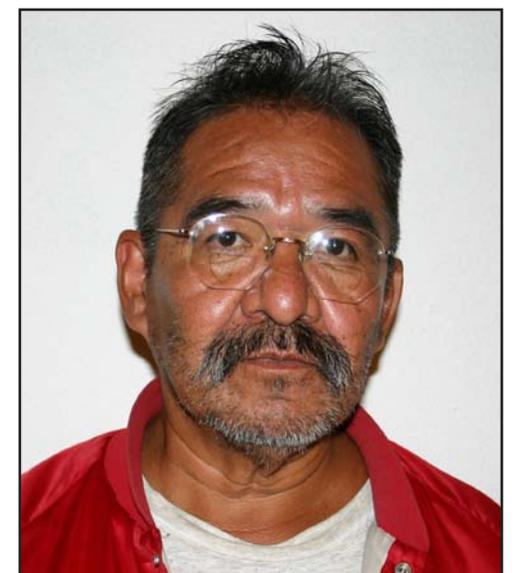
Back to basics: what can BSLC achieve given the 'indian reservation' status? The answer is sure to be ground out. So far, there is no rich uncle. One expensive project is simply putting in what is called infrastructure. The price tag is in the millions. Oddly enough or stupidly enough—depends on how one looks at this—Township is ineligible to use certain Navajo Nation funds! I have a hard time with this. Here is Navajo discrimination if there ever was one. One result is in order to build infrastructure it may be necessary to borrow money.

One silent area to be brought out into the sunshine is the Navajo Entrepreneur. The Navajo entrepreneur,

created, made functional, has to be made ready for action on the flight line. By this I mean making it possible for Navajo people to enter the business world, the for-profit businesses. There will be attrition, but there will also be success. Does the Navajo entrepreneur exist? Is the average Navajo ready for competition? Will FRTs join the party and explore the opportunities, with Township pushing or pulling? How does one get Navajo and FRTs into the for-profit business world?

These questions want answers. A construction pointing toward solutions, I see in the following manner. It is none other than literate Navajos and FRTs who are the real public, the real public capable of making decisions and judgment within the world of business. And this applies to governments, like Navajo Nation government. This may sound biased but its not. Literacy is a standard to which Navajo must submit. Not only is it understanding laws and regs placed upon us, but the mature Navajo assumption is those of us within Kayenta Township have the right to change laws and regs to suit our needs and ambitions. Otherwise, we live like slaves, and who wants that?

These few considerations of BSLC role, like overcoming large unemployment with few financial resources, even less legal authority, challenging Navajo society to organize to face and learn to exploit the so-called modern world, creating the Navajo entrepreneur, show an expansive field ripe for any Navajo ambition. Definitely BSLC has much to do with policy formation.



Ken Whitehair / Tsii' Lagaii

Interview with Kayenta Town Manager: Keith Betsuie

By Malcolm Benally

Can you give me a short introduction including your clan and whatever background you would like to share with Kayenta Today?

My clans are Kinlichii'nii, the Red House born for To Aheedliinii, Water Flows Together. My maternal grandparents are Kinyaa'aanii, Towering House and my paternal grandfather is Ashiihii, the Salt clan. I was born in Gouldings, Utah and raised in Kayenta, Arizona. I am a graduate of Arizona State University.

I am from the Kayenta area; I was raised in this amazing place and graduated from school here. I am always proud to say I am from Kayenta. I have practically worked all over the Navajo Nation and I am aware Kayenta has so much going for it.

My former employment includes working with the City of Maricopa where I worked in the Intergovernmental Relations area within the City Managers Office. In addition to working with neighboring Tribal Communities, this included the Ak-Chin and Gila River Indian Communities as a Tribal Liaison. I also worked in the Development Services Department which encompassed Transportation, Building Safety, Engineering, Planning, Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Residential and Commercial development. There I have the opportunity to work on many municipal projects, everything from addressing flood-control areas to introducing commuter rail to the Maricopa area.

I also participated with the Kayenta Chapter as the Vice-President of the Community Based Land-Use Planning Committee for many years. I am happy to continue my association with this key committee.

I believe the Town Manager position is a facilitator for positive change for the community. I believe the Township is on the verge of significant improvement within the next year. I will work to create a positive relationship between the Chapter and the Township, in the forms of consultation, communication and collaboration. My goals have always been to return home and work for the Navajo

People. To work in my home town, for the Kayenta residents and for the Navajo People, is a dream fulfilled.

Explain a little more in detail some of the work you did as Tribal Liaison for the City of Maricopa.

The City of Maricopa had the unique distinction of incorporating and growing between two vibrant Indian Reservations. I started my employment with the City of Maricopa working in the Development Services Department and was asked to establish communication linkages with the neighboring tribal communities. The issues I worked with the tribal communities were in the areas of Transportation, Planning and multi-jurisdictional issues, such as: trespassing, public safety and border management concerns.

The City of Maricopa is municipality innovative in many of its approaches. The idea of creating a Tribal Liaison was an example of that out-of-the box thinking. Historically, City-Tribal entities have not had the best working relationships; there is a natural tendency to compete for the same scarce resources. However, after many discussions over a year's time, Maricopa and the Ak-Chin agreed to meet on an annual basis and eventually the Maricopa City Council passed a resolution to support and recognize the Tribal Sovereignty of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Given the recent changes in the Navajo Nation Government, with Council Reduction to 24 Council Delegates and the President of the Navajo Nation getting the Line Item Veto, how do you feel these inevitable changes will affect Kayenta Townships positioning as a Township within the Navajo Nation?

I believe the council reduction and line-item veto will force our government leaders to reassess the role of central government, reassess capabilities and adjust the allocation of scarce resources. Elements of power will suddenly shift to the local leadership and communities. The local

governments will need to assume responsibilities formerly handled by the central government. This shift in responsible can be seen as an opportunity or threat.

Outside of your professional life, what are some of your hobbies and favorite pastimes?

I am a big Monument Valley High School sports fan and enjoy watching the Dallas Cowboys, Arizona Cardinals, the Phoenix Suns and Arizona State Baseball. I have a renewed appreciation of owning and caring for livestock such as sheep, cattle and horses. I attend many Navajo traditional ceremonies throughout the Navajo Nation.

You described the Mustangs sports as an essential element of the community that needs to be recognized, besides media, what are some of the ways that this can be done?

I feel if you tracked the accomplishments of past members of the Championship Volleyball, Cross-county, Basketball, Wrestling and Softball, you would uncover some truly remarkable stories from our children who are from the Kayenta area. I know of many former Kayenta students-residents who have made tremendous accomplishments in the off-reservation arena. These athletes should be viewed as a resource, be given an avenue to share their experiences and be encouraged to speak to high school students.

Beside the Township concept and the Mustangs, what are the features of Kayenta that you feel is notable?

In many aspects, Kayenta is one of the most unique communities on the Navajo Nation, if not the most unique. The most notable aspect Kayenta has is the people. I have heard community leaders envisioned a concept of government that is economically viable and self-sustaining, long before actual roads built were built in Kayenta. The spectacular beauty of the area is unmatched; people from all over the world come to visit our area. Our Code-Talkers and veterans need to be acknowl

edged as notable individuals who have contributed to the freedom of our area, to the Navajo Nation and to the United States. The area has unlimited potential and the possibilities are without bounds.

As a student in the past, what is a book that you have read that left a lasting impression on you? Can you describe it?

I find stories that have the biggest impression on me were storied told from my grandparents, aunts and uncles. Many of these were about Navajos and family who lived during the Long Walk period, stories associated with previous Navajo leaders, stories of warriors that encountered war and stories of the Navajo Code Talkers.

It is amazing to know the strength, resourcefulness, daring, brave actions that our relatives accomplished despite unrelenting odds. I am proud to be the descendent of these brave people who over came and today the Navajo Nation is the largest and most powerful tribe in North and South America.

What do you see as foreseeable milestones for the entire Navajo Nation in the next 5 to 10 years?

How we assist the emergence of local governments, we need to create self-sustainable communities and become economically strong and viable.

How we address future Navajo Nation Waters Rights. I have attended meeting in the Phoenix area and they have acknowledged their water supplies will be depleted in 15-20 years. Where will their water come from, municipality water planners are looking in our direction.

How will we implement clean energy opportunities? There are many funding opportunities that we're not capitalizing on.

How we handle the tidal wave of Navajo capitol leaving the Navajo Nation boundaries. We cannot continue to let this disparity exist.

How do we approach employment issues and address the brain-drain of young talented Navajos to the urban areas.

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As the new Community Development Department settled into momentum under his tutelage, Gabriel's first major projects were road improvements to local bus routes, refurbishing a donated trailer as a temporary site for the Kayenta Library, and beginning the layout and infrastructure work for the Kayenta Business District. At the same time, then Town Manager Jarvis Williams, the administration, and Commissioners set to work on a long term business plan highlighting goals, objectives, and a mission statement.

Developing a long term business plan required the input and participation of Navajo Housing Authority, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, the local schools, Indian Health Services, local businesses, the Police Department, and other local service providers. In the midst of all the planning, the Kayenta Township came across another milestone as they were delegated by the Navajo Nation Economic Development Committee to provide business site leasing within the Kayenta Township boundaries.

Through work on the history, goals, and mission statement, the Township and community members had set goals to build the Kayenta Animal Shelter, Kayenta Head Start, a Vocational Education College Campus, and a 20-home Dry Lakes Estates housing unit. All of these projects required follow-ups and discovery.

In between building the groundwork for major projects, Gabriel has had his construction crew working on beautifying certain areas. If you go to the Wetherill gravesite on Wetherill Heights, just cross from the LDS Church, you will see that the graveyard has been improved upon. The road and bus route that goes through the NHA housing has been partially paved and major potholes have been filled.

Since then, his involvement with community development has become more critical as new major development plans came into play for Kayenta, including a \$35 million dollar Kayenta Detention Facility, a

\$140 million Kayenta Health Center, a bus loop project for local schools, a stop light at a major intersection by Monument Valley High School, and another 2-mile paved access road that will run north to south and connect the junction near the County Court Complex and U.S. Highway 163; this road will serve as an emergency medical access route for the upcoming hospital and will reconnect with North Route 591 which comes back into town from the rodeo grounds.

The projects and the need for new projects kept coming in, in light of a small but growing Township administration, this caused some gridlock at first. Mainly because, the small Community Development department had to do all the lay work, from finding quotes for procurement, to soliciting outside companies for Request For Proposals, in addition to overseeing projects already in progress.

Although he came armed with over 8-years of field experience in Project Management and 3-years of dealing with big city projects, he learned that working with an isolated municipality like Kayenta required working on projects from the foundation and upwards. "In the city, even major projects are easy to work on. In most places, all you needed to do was go on to a website and all the building codes, planning, zoning, and ordinances were spelled out for you," he says. "The need to form a planning and zoning committee is very important, so that the town of Kayenta can set its own building codes."

"Once a building project has been designed it goes to the City for review and approval," he says. "The need to form a planning committee is very important, so that the town of Kayenta can set its own ordinances. Ordinances are in a sense laws set by municipalities that set standards for business owners, home owners and community members. I'm hoping to get into depth on this because we've been operating too long without ordinances and want this community to be the best and I feel that by adopting ordinances it brings us that much closer to being the best."

After his first year on the job, the need to restructure the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department became a necessity. The Kayenta Township Construction Crew, which he has worked with for over a year are now making a transition into the Public Works department. Due to the high cost of materials for construction projects, the crew became bogged down with procurement procedures and obtaining quotes. In addition to travel outside of Kayenta to obtain materials, the costs of projects were adding up before actual construction began.

"In order to save time and money, it will be more feasible to bid out new construction projects to general contractors," Gabriel says. "General contractors have subcontractors who are well qualified to do certain jobs and the amount of time that it takes is very minimal compared to what we have been doing in the past. It's like saying I know how to drywall, but I'm not an expert at doing it and can't assure the quality of work. By doing this, it reduces the amount of time and improves the quality of work is there in the deliverables as well."

Gabriel is confident that 2011 is going to be a great year for the Kayenta community and the Township. "I feel we are making great strides in regards to how our operations are being run." As of late April, with Keith Betsuie as the new Town Manager on board, along with the reorganizing

that is taking place under his leadership, "we will be reaching some major milestones." The adoption of building codes, zoning and ordinances for the community, road improvements, and completing the Kayenta Township boundary fencing of the perimeters are items to be considered for approval on the Commissioner's agenda. By putting up boundary fencing, roads and neighborhoods will be safer by keeping stray animals at bay to prevent them wandering onto the roads. Landscaping in business districts and home site will be possible without horses and cattle grazing on edible flowers and grass.

In the end result, the Construction Crew will be working off work orders, which is a form that can be filled out by any department or staff member at the Township. Through the procedure of working off work orders, the construction crew will be available for repair and maintenance projects where ever they may arise on Township boundaries. Also, it is expected that any project that is construction ready with materials on hand, they can see a project to completion under the Public Works Department.

Gabriel feels that his work as the Community Development Director has been worthwhile. His ability to remedy changes and having direct involvement with policies and procedures could have only happened because the Township is still growing and is capable of finding more opportunities for development.



Community Development Director Gabriel Yazzie (standing center) meets with ALCO Department Store investors. ALCO has expressed an interest in opening a store just next to, and east of 7-2-11 convenience store. ALCO is a like a mini-Walmart. ALCO stores are currently located in small border towns like Blanding, Utah; Kirthland, NM; and Holbrook, AZ.



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KTC Chairperson Helen Bonaha Responds to Forbes Magazine Article

March 17, 2010

TO: Mr. Steve Forbes
FROM: Helen Bonaha

SUBJECT: Article "U.S. Sales Tax Hits A Record High" by William Barrett

Dear Mr. Forbes,

Recently, the Kayenta Township staff came upon some misleading information published March 08, 2010 in the article "U.S. Sales Tax Hits A Record High" by William Barrett. The information that was disseminated to the greater American public, unfortunately, provided no background or further information about the town of Kayenta, Arizona. As the Chairperson of the Kayenta Township Commission, I feel that the information that is provided by a notable bi-weekly magazine was inaccurate, and by all accounts, hurtful to the only municipally structured local government located on the Navajo Nation.

First of all, Forbes magazine provides "The Capitalist Tool" as its motto then surprisingly encourages visitors not to spend their money in our town! If your writers and editors had done their research, they would learn that Kayenta, "the Gateway to Monument Valley," plays a major

role in welcoming the global community through the tourism industry. As difficult and complex economic development has been for many Native American communities throughout the United States, the town of Kayenta has taken many giant steps towards economic self-sufficiency, and is fast becoming a major player for economic development here in the southwest.

For the record, the town of Kayenta charges a local 5% sales tax to consumers. Unfortunately, there are a few local businesses still honoring past agreements (between the Navajo Nation and the state of Arizona) that charge state and local taxes on top of our 5% tax. Otherwise, the 11.1% sales tax you attribute to Kayenta simply does not exist.

Your article highlights a taxing situation called double taxation that is outlawed throughout the country but still exists on the Navajo Nation. Taxes generated in our town are collected by the State of Arizona and the Navajo Nation. We obviously don't support this situation; however that is the reality we have to deal with everyday.

I believe it would be in the best interest of your magazine to revisit the origins of your magazine's name and history," Forbes: Devoted to Doers

and Doings". Our town of Kayenta would then grace your pages with reliable information, diversity, cultural attractions, and economic opportunity.

For many years, the residents of Kayenta and others through out the great Navajo Nation have had to travel to nearby border towns and out of state to spend their hard earned money. Navajo money has allowed many border towns to prosper and grow. Navajo tax payers to this day have never had a forum in which to discuss "how bad paying taxes to other communities is" other than one's own.

I am proud of our emerging Township which has notable accomplishments in its short existence. The Kayenta Township is the first municipal government established on Federal trust land in the entire county and on an American Indian Land. The Kayenta Township is

the second government in the entire county to acquire local business-site leasing authority, an activity normally reserved to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C.

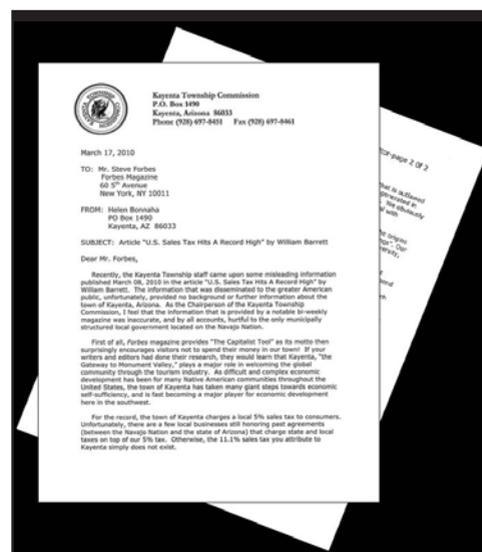
As you can see the taxing situation within the Kayenta Township is not as simple as one might imagine. The Kayenta Township is striving to become self-sustaining and break the federal ties that once dominated it. Everyday we exist, we are breaking new ground.

Furthermore, as a gesture to set the record straight, I would like to personally invite you to come join us in Celebrating Kayenta's Centennial Year 1910-2010 during our 4th of July Festivities, June 30th – July 4th, 2010. At that time, you are invited to hear from the Township how the community of Kayenta has overcome the many obstacles of bureaucracy to become one of the fastest growing towns here on the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,
Helen Bonaha, Chairperson
Kayenta Township Commission



**KTC Chairperson
Helen Bonaha**



Wetherill Grave Site Renovation Complete

By Malcolm Benally

KAYENTA, AZ – The Wetherill gravesite on Wetherill Heights has been given a facelift recently. ANH Studios, an architect firm from Phoenix, Arizona, worked together with the Community Development Department at the Kayenta Township to see the re-construction of the graveyard from concept to bricks and stone.

The gravesite is seen by many townsfolk as a historic site. The one and only major headstone reads:

John Wetherill **Louisa Wade Wetherill**
Hosteen John **1877-1945**
1866-1944

In honor of the husband and wife who founded the first trading post in Kayenta, AZ in 1910. Alongside their grave lies Ben Wetherill (Dec. 28, 1896 – July 15, 1946), Clyde Colville (Sept 1881 – May 1, 1945), and CPL Frederick P. Carrigan of the U.S. Marine Corps (July 04, 1898 – Aug. 9, 1954).

The fencing and landscaping around the headstone was all that could be done because the place is considered a historic site. The site in the future will feature zero-scaping, which is a type of landscaping that requires very little water and features native plants to the area.



Wetherill site prior to renovation.



Wetherill site after renovations.



Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo

7x Rodeo of the Year

2003 - 2009

JULY 01 - JULY 04, 2010

Rodeo Performances

Thursday July 1st, 1st Performance 7:30 p.m.
 Friday July 2nd Morning Slack 8:00 a.m.
 Friday July 2nd, 2nd Performance 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday July 3rd, 3rd Performance 7:30 pm
 Sunday July 4th, Final Performance 7:30 pm (Short Go)
TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK? (Sunday Night)

Awards

Trophy Saddles will be awarded to Major Event Champions
 All Around Award - Three Horse Slant Aluminium Trailer
 (Proudly Sponsored by: Kayenta Burger King & Kayenta Hampton Inn)
 Belt Buckle to each Minor Event Champion

Free Pancake Breakfast

June 30, 2010 - July 04, 2010 • 7:00 a.m.
 Kayenta Rodeo Grounds

Fireworks Display

Kayenta Rodeo Grounds • July 4th 2010 • 10:00 p.m.
 Proudly Sponsored By: Kayenta Township & Kayenta Chapter

Major Events

Events	Limit	Entry Fee	Added Money	Long & Short Go
Bareback	20	\$120.00	\$1500.00	2 Go-Round
Saddle Bronc	30	\$120.00	\$1500.00	Top Ten
Bull Riding	60	\$140.00 Day Money Included	\$1500.00	Top Ten
Calf Roping	No Limit	\$120.00	\$1500.00	Top Ten
Steer Wrestling	No Limit	\$120.00	\$1500.00	Top Ten
Team Roping	No Limit(2x)	\$240.00	\$3000.00	Top Ten
Barrel Racing	No Limit	\$120.00	\$1500.00	Top Ten
Break Away Roping	No Limit	\$120.00	\$1500.00	Top Ten

Rodeo Stock fee included in Entry Fee.
 Bareback event: TWO (2) GO ROUND FORMAT will be implemented.
 Bull Riders will have to mail Entry Fee before June 18th, 2010 Two Sections During Each Performance
 Bull Riders: Open Slots will be open to walk-in entry on June 30, 2010
 Morning slack on Friday July 2, 2010 8:00 a.m. Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Break Away Roping, Calf Roping and Barrel Racing.

Entry Information

Host AIRCA
 Co-Sanctioned: CNRA, PIRA Canada -and BPIRA Montana
 AIRCA Rules Apply
 Stock Contractor: Tommy Tsosie Rodeo Company - Rough Stock
 Timed Event: Willie's Cattle Company
 CES Rodeo Secretary: Benita Jaye
 P.O. Box 4197 • Gallup, NM 87305
 Home: 505-735-2117
 Call In: June 14, 2010 : 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Call In: June 15, 2010 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Call Backs: June 16, 2010 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Walk In Entry: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 (Kayenta Holiday Inn Lobby)

Minor Events

Events	Limit	Entry Fee	Added Money
Jr. Barrel Racing	No Limit	\$65.00	\$100.00
Jr. Bullriding	No Limit	\$65.00	\$100.00
50+ Sr. Breakaway	No Limit	\$65.00	\$200.00
#12 Incentive Team Roping	No Limit	\$80.00	\$300.00

Rodeo Stock fee included in entry fee
 All Minor Events will be held in the Morning Slack July 02, 2010 8:00 a.m.

Country Dances

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
 Friday July 2nd - Ace's Wild
 Saturday July 3rd - Ace's Wild
 Sunday July 4th - Ace's Wild

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HOTEL RATES FOR CONTESTANTS
 Contestant Will Need To Show Proof for Rates
 Kayenta Holiday Inn Official Rodeo Headquarter
 For Reservations Call: (928) 697-3221



KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY INDIAN JUNIOR RODEO

JUNE 30, 2010



AWARDS:

Trophy Saddle Awarded To Highest Point Winner
 Cowboy & Cowgirl
 Belt Buckles To All Around Champion in each Division
 Hooded Pullover: To Event Champion
 T-Shirts To The First 100 Entries

ENTRY INFORMATION

CES: Alfreda Bates @ 505-786-5025 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Call In: June 21, 2010
 Walk-in Entry: Tuesday June 29, 2010 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at
 Kayenta Holiday Inn

STOCK:

Rough Stock: Tsosie Brothers
 Time Event: Charley Willie
 Sheep and Goat: Clyde McBride

IJRA SANCTION and NON MEMBERS WELCOME
ALL STANDARD EVENT
 Midget • Pee Wee • Junior Co-Ed • Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys

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