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MONUMENT VALLEY, UT. MISS NAVAJO NATION 2019 - 2020 (PHOTO: SP)

## SHANDIIN PARRISH - MISS NAVAJO NATION 2019- 2020

Yá'át'ééh amasaní, achi dóo analí. Yá'át'ééh adeezhíke dóo atsilike. Áadóo yá'át'ééh amá dóo azhee'eh danóinigi. Shiké dóo shidine'é, Shí éi Kinyaa'aanii adoone'e nishligoo dóo báhshichíin. Todich'ii'nii éi dashicheii dóo Tábaqhá éi dashinalí. Ákwót'áo Diné asdzáni nishli. Shí éi Shaandiin Paul Parrish yinishyé. Tó Dínéeshzhee'dęę naashá. Tse Bii'nidzsigai éi shi'dizhchí. Naatsisaandęę dóo Dennehotsodęę chi'shike. Shimá éi Shelly Parrish wolyé adóo shizhe'é éi Timothy "TJ" Begay wolyé. Bił hájéé' éi naaki. Shídeezhí éi Preshes Parrish-Begay wolyé, dóo shítsilí éi Shaanta Parrish wolyé. Shimá saní éi Wanda Smallcanyon Parrish wolyé. Adóo shicheii éi Paul Parrish wolyęę' nit'ęę. Shichei éi

naakigooné da'ahijogaah yęę daa a'tah naazbaa Diné Bizaad chó'iigoo at'ah ayiilaa. Shinalí hastiin éi Bill Begay wolyé dóo shinalí asdzaq éi Pauline Johnson Begay wolyęę nit'ęę. Arizona State University wodagodi olta. Ááji naaltsos yisełbaa.

Shí éi Diné Bichee'ke naaki damíil dóo bi'aan náhást'éits'áadah dóo naaki damíil dóo biaan naadiin yiha'igii nishli. Naasdaazlii'ii dóo nooseli bidziilgo ahił naaldeeh doo. Nooseli éi naadaazlii'ii biná nitin yidin danilj. Dii ateege éi nihéiina nilinigíi naas dei yiniilteeh doo. Éi binyé Diné Bicheeke'e selij. Axhee'he nisaago.

Greetings to all of my community members of my hometown of Kayenta, Arizona! Yá'át'ééh to all of my grandma, grandpas, náilis, my sisters, brothers, uncles, aunties and all of my relations. My name is Shaandiin Paul Parrish and on Saturday, September 7, 2019 in Window Rock, Arizona I was selected as your new Miss Navajo Nation.

I am and born for the Towering House people. My maternal grandfathers are of the Bitter-Water people and my paternal grandfathers are of the Edge-Water people. My mother is Shelly Parrish of Kayenta, Arizona and my father is Timothy "TJ" Begay of Dennehotso, Arizona. I have one younger brother and one younger sister, but I am also an older sister to two younger

cousin-sisters and two younger cousin-brothers.

My grandmother is Wanda Smallcanyon Parrish of Navajo Mountain, Arizona and my grandfather is the late Paul Allen Parrish from (here) Kayenta, Arizona. My grandfather was a World War 2 Navajo Code Talker. My paternal grandfather is Bill or Billy Begay and my paternal grandmother is the late Pauline Johnson Begay. I was born in Monument Valley, Utah and raised my entire life in Kayenta, Arizona. I graduated a year early from Monument Valley High School upon the reception of the Gates Millennium Scholarship and was then afforded the opportunity to attend Arizona State University (ASU). While attending ASU I was also awarded the Udall Foundation Scholarship and interned at the Arizona State Senate from 2015 to 2019.

After graduating from ASU with a degree in Political Science I was then selected to be the Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee's Public Information Officer. In my position I became the youngest and only Native American to be appointed to any executive position in the State of Arizona this year.

Seven-months into my position I resigned to be your new Miss Navajo Nation. As Miss Navajo I hope to work closely with our elders and our youth.

Ahe'hee.

Thank you!



KAYENTA, ARIZ. L-R: GEORGE SISCO III-KTC COMMISSIONER:SECRETARY, JODONNA WARD-HALL-KTC COMMISSIONER, EDWARD SEATON-KTC COMMISSIONER CHAIR, SHAANDIIN PARRISH, MISS NAVAJO 2019-2020, CHRIS KESCOLI - KTC COMMISSIONER, JARVIS WILLIAMS - KTC COMMISSIONER:VICE-CHAIR, AND GABRIEL YAZZIE-KTC TOWN MANAGER

# KAYENTA TOWNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FALL SEMESTER 2019



Kayenta, Ariz. Gabriel Yazzie, Kayenta Township Town Manager and Helen Salt

## HELEN SALT

**Flagstaff, Ariz.** Helen Salt is a 2019 Kayenta Township Scholarship recipient. Salt is a graduate of Monument Valley High School Class of 2019. Currently, she is attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz. She was accepted into the Nursing Pediatric Program at N.A.U.

During her visit to her health care provider, while she was waiting to be seen, she noticed there was plenty of instruments she wasn't familiar with, and that made her

curious. She was fascinated by the shiny tools in the room and led to discovering her love of technology. She says, "I want to be a nurse; I want to cure and heal people."

She says she grew up in the Navajo traditional belief system, and she talked about how she grew up using holistic plants and attending ceremonies. Her grandparents would use plants to calm her down and saw evidence of how different techniques were applied for ailments. After reflecting on her visit to the Doctor's office, she says now I know what those Icecicle sticks

are used for, it's for your tongue! I thought they were toys, and she laughs at recounting her story. She says although Flagstaff is not too far, she says it a different world. She sees the mountains every day; she thinks it is colder there.

Her biggest concern is keeping up her G.P.A and reflects words of encouragements from her teachers, especially from Mr. Franklin at M.V.H.S.

She advises young people to "challenge yourself every day, in your studies, and you will be ready for the next step!"

## NEKIYAH DRAPER

**Tempe, Ariz.** Nekiyah Draper is currently studying Biomedical Engineering at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. She says she heard about the Kayenta Township Scholarship when she was a construction engineering intern for Kayenta Township Community Development Department.

"Throughout high school, I knew I wanted to be an engineer and ultimately, to help others and our native people. I did not know what specification of engineering I wanted to study. Once, I started taking

biology classes in high school, I loved it and was so fascinated that I never got tired of learning about it." says Draper.

"From the time I was young, it was ingrained in my mind by my grandparents and parents that college was my pathway. My entire family always stressed to me how important education is because they viewed it as a way of empowering not only yourself but also our people."

And her advice to young people "I want them to know that college

is not the only option if they feel like it's not right for them. But they should also know that they are capable of more than they think and shouldn't be sitting at home doing anything after they graduate. Find a way to contribute to your community, your people, and your family."

She concludes by saying, "Everyone in Kayenta and the reservation have been my inspiration to strive and succeed in everything I do because I want to inspire them as well."



TEMPE, ARIZ. NEKIYAH DRAPER, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS (PC:ND)



KAYENTA, ARIZ. MOURTICE CLITSO, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY.

## MOURTICE CLITSO

**Flagstaff, Ariz.** Is currently in the Electrical Engineering program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz. Clitso says, "I decided on electrical engineering because ever since I was a young boy, mathematics was always interesting to me. Learning about how electricity can be manipulated. Growing up, I had many teachers and family members talk to me about going to college, and since then, I've made my plans to go to college. I decided to attend NAU because of the com-

munity, and environment NAU is in making my college experience great." he added.

"I heard about the scholarship program from family members and past newspaper articles."

His advice to upcoming students "To seniors and juniors, I would recommend practicing how to prioritize and manage your time now while you are still in high school. Also, to start making a list of scholarships and schools, you plan on applying."

"I thank my parents for always supporting and encouraging me in

whatever I wanted to do, the counselors at MVHS, former teachers/mentors, like Mr. William Gibson, Alex Gilmore, Felicia James, and Herb Beyale whom all helped me whether it was through words of advice or letters of recommendations."

"Yes, I do plan on returning to the Navajo Nation after receiving my degree. Until then, I hope to take internships during the summer in or around the Navajo Nation," he concluded with confidence in his voice.

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## MISS WESTERN NAVAJO 2018 - 2019

### AMY REEVES-BEGAYE

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** Yá'at'ééh shik'ei dóó shidiné'é. Shí éí Amy Reeves-Begaye yinishyé. Ádooné'é nishlínígíí éí Bit'ahnii nishlį, Naasht'eezhí Tábaahá báhshchíín, Hask'aan Hadzohí dashicheii adóó Kinyaa'áanii dashinalí. Shimá dóó shizhé'é éí Odessa Reeves dóó Leroy Begay wolyé. Shimásaní éí Lorraine Reeves wolyé dóó Shicheii éí Leo Reeves Sr. wolyé ni'téé.

Shinalí asdzáán éí Lillie Begay adóó Shinalí Hastiin éí Henry G. Begay Sr. wolyé ni'téé. Tódi-néeshzhee' dóó Beclabito déé

naashá. Shí éí naakidi miil yázhí dóó ba'aan tseebíí ts'áadah dóó naakidi miil yázhí dóó ba'aan náhástéí ts'áadah E'e'aahjigo Diné Bich'eejį nishlį. Hello!

My name is Amy Reeves-Begaye, I am of the Folded Arms People clan, born for the Zuni Edge Water People clan, my maternal grandparents are the Yucca Fruit Strung Out on a Line People clan, and my paternal grandparents are the Towering House People clan.

My parents are Odessa Reeves and Leroy Begay. My maternal grandparents are Lorraine Reeves and the late Leo Reeves Sr. My paternal grandparents are Lillie Begay and the late Henry G. Begay Sr. I have two



MONUMENT VALLEY, UT. AMY REEVES-BEGAY MISS WESTERN 2018 - 2019

younger sisters.

I reside in Kayenta, Arizona but I am originally from Beclabito, New Mexico. I attend Dixie State University majoring in Radiologic Sciences.

As serving as Miss Western Navajo 2018-2019, I had

the honor of representing the Western Agency by traveling across the Navajo Nation and beyond. As my message as Miss Western Navajo, I would like to encourage our Dine youth to take the time to learn our culture, language, and heritage.

Please let's work to build the bridge between generations of young and old by encouraging the youth to help our elders also to learn from them.

I would like to express my appreciation to my family and friends who have supported me through thick and thin by always encouraging me to go above and beyond. Ahe'hee. Thank you!

## MESSAGE FROM KAYENTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** Leadership in the Kayenta Unified School District No. 27 is currently under transition. Lemual B. Adson is the Superintendent of KUSD, and new to the community and district, but not new to the position of leading a school district.

Transitioning to new leadership provides opportunity for change and a new perspective of improving the conditions of providing opportunities for all students to learn. However, not all things need to be

changed.

The current foundation of the KUSD Strategic Plan will continue to be the foundation of the district strategic plan. (1) Maximize student potential with a clear focus on student outcomes, (2) Leveraging human capital, (3) Stakeholder



KAYENTA, ARIZ. LEMUAL B. ADSON, KUSD SUPERINTENDENT (PC: Dr.V.Y)

Driven and (4) Accountability and Transparency (processes, systems and resources) will direct the efforts to further development of a comprehensive plan.

A 100-day transition plan is in development by the Superintendent. The purpose of the plan is to listen to all relevant members of the school, the parents, and the community.

The district has a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and an Indian Education Committee (IEC) that meets each month. Parents and community members are invited to contact the district to find out when the next meetings are schedule.

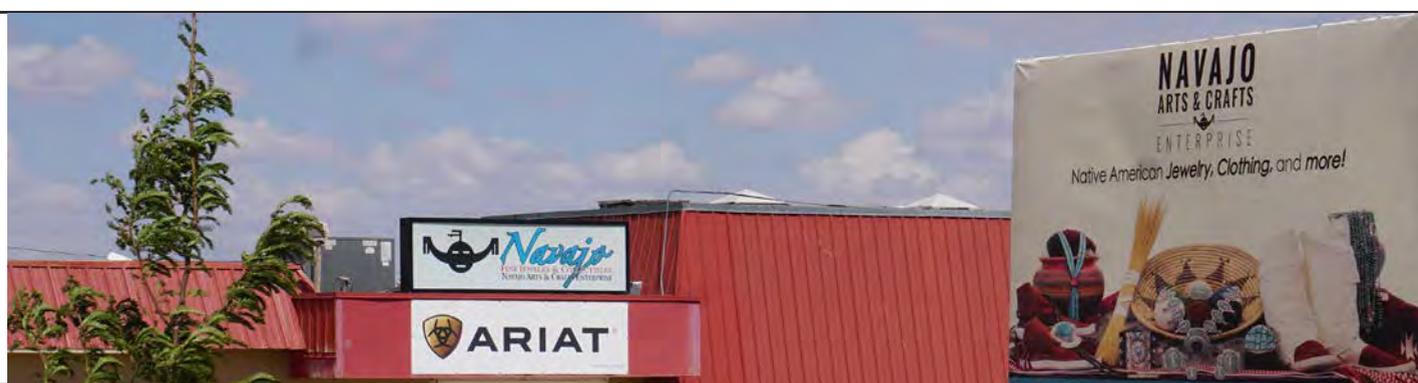
It is important to offer your input to the district administra-

tion. Your attendance at the meetings to hear directly from the administration and to share your thoughts would benefit the district to transition to a successful district. If you are unable to attend the PAC and IEC meetings you can also visit the school principals and superintendent by appointment.

If you would like the Superintendent to hear from your program or workplace you can also request a meeting at your location to share input to the school.

It is important to listen and gather data or many perspectives to assist the development of a strategic plan.

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# MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER OF NAVAJO SHOPPING CENTER: NICHOLAS TAYLOR

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Navajo Nation Shopping Centers Inc. (NNSCI) recently completed a big project over the summer at the Kayenta Shopping Center. The completed project was the repaving/resurfacing of a portion of the shopping center parking lot.

This project was long over-due and NNSCI is glad to finally have got this project done for our shopping center and the community members of Kayenta. The completion of the parking lot project represents NNSCI's goal of enhancing our shopping center properties over the coming years. A series of small enhancements that are currently being planned by NNSCI to the Kayenta Shopping Center are the following; Making use of existing pad sites on our properties, Upgrading our roadway signs,

Working to address the issue of trash debris, Renovation/upgrade to the building exterior. Thank you to the community members of Kayenta and the Kayenta Township Commission for your support in cooperating with the parking lot contractors during the parking lot project. NNSCI will continue to work to improve the Kayenta Shopping Center.

Thank you,  
Nicholas Taylor, General Manger

## KAYENTA JUDICIAL COURTS BEGIN DISCUSSION ON BUILDING NEW NAVAJO NATION JUDICIAL COURTS COMPLEX

**Chinle, Ariz.** Kayenta Judicial District, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of the Prosecutor, Office of the Public Defender, Kayenta Township, and Architect Dyron Murphy toured the existing Chinle Judicial Complex in Chinle, Arizona. Dyron Murphy Architects, P.C. is a native owned architecture firm from Albuquerque, N.M., which was selected to provide the technical aspect of the architect and design for the Kayenta Judicial Complex.

“The purpose of the meeting begins the conversation regarding the phases of design and development of the Judicial Complex in Kayenta. The plans will provide for safe, modern, and improved facilities for the Kayenta Judicial District, Office of the Prosecutor and Office of Public Defender.

The current offices are functionally deficient, and our community deserves a facility that would improve access, safety, and efficiency. Our

Navajo Chapters support this project that meets these goals and best serves our community.” says Lavonne K. Yazzie, Kayenta Judicial District Court Administrator.

The group looked at several aspects of providing the best possible plans to accommodate the current staff, including long term staffing. The future complex will house; District and Family Courts, Probation Services, Peacemaking Program, Prosecutor and Public Defender offices.

“The Judicial District t serves seven chapters, covers approximately

2,439,395 acres with a population over 19,240, and this requires efficient buildings located within a central complex. The District has a considerable caseload to work with on an annual basis. Today's discussion

will create a dialogue to ensure the design addresses our critical needs.”

During the tour, the group was able to see first hand how each room, office space, and conference area, are functional and practical; and how these spaces and areas are occupied.

The proposed Project site of the Kayenta Judicial Complex will be

located south of the existing Kayenta Police Support Building within the Tó Dínéeshzhee' Public Safety Complex on U.S. Highway 163. The building will cover approximately 17,000 square footages.

“To address our local need due to increasing caseloads and the need for services, a four-phase planning of the Kayenta public safety and judicial complex master plan started in 2011.

The first two phases were completed in 2015 with the construction of a new police and corrections department facilities. The last two phases of the master plan will be completed with these buildings.

Kayenta Township has been involved since the inception of the planning stages. It is also anticipated that our caseload will continue to increase due to the recent Kayenta Mine closure.” says Yazzie.

The new Kayenta Judicial is scheduled for construction on Spring of 2020.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. THE CURRENT KAYENTA JUDICIAL COURT BUILDING



# KAYENTA FIRE DEPARTMENT: GETTING TRAINED AND CERTIFIED - FIRST RESPONDERS



KAYENTA FIRE DEPT. L-R BOBBY DENNY (SR. FIRE FIGHTER), CHAZZ BLACKWATER, ANDRE WYTEWA-PANANA, TORRENCE BLANCHARD, MELISSA ALLEN, JULIAN BLACKWATER, HOPE BIA, (FIREFIGHTER RECRUITS) MARTIN JOHN (FIREFIGHTER)

**Kayenta, Ariz.** On September 4 - 8, 2019 Kayenta Fire Department crew were able to attend a stringent fire fighting training in Scottsdale, Ariz.

and out in case of Emergencies. They also took courses in Exercation and also to get the crew familiar with new

Bobby Denny, equipment that is out there.” KFD, Fire- Other valuable training the crew ob- as Running Events at Monument Valley Navajo Parks and also in the community such as school events, career fairs, and parades activities. Denny says now that summer is over we have to be proactive and prepare for the winter season. Winter will be here soon and “remember to leave in; ladders, which is a significant step in the right extra early and don’t rush; the roads SCBA, Water direction for the fire crew. He says will get icy, our ways ger terrible Suppressions, “our calls have been up and have been out here in these parts, they can get Nozzles, Fire working with Emergency Medical Ser- muddy. Stock up on wood, now that Patterns, and vices (EMS) and assisting on numer- there’s no coal.” F o l l o w i n g ous calls ranging from Medical Assist He advises those that burn wood to Hose Lines in to Brush Fires, Car Fires, and also peo- make sure to inspect stove pipes ev- ery two to three years.

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The Kayenta Fire Department will also check your Smoke Detector and also provide you with a new one if they were needed, and they have some in stock

# KAYENTA VETERAN’S ORGANIZATION SEEK OFFICERS

**Kayenta, Ariz.** The Kayenta Veterans Organization (KVO) needs officers, according to Bobby Singer, a KVO member. Holding a KVO position is based on volunteers for the Kayenta Community, it is open to all those that served in the U.S. Armed Forces; also community members are encouraged to volunteer to assist with community events and meetings.

Currently, only two officers are serving in the capacity of the KVO structure. The two officer’s titles are Commander and Spiritual Advisor, KVO is seeking three other positions to be filled. The vacant positions are; Vice Commander, Secretary, and Sargent at Arms.

Providing Honor Details and Color Guards are the primary activities for KVO. They will be called out to give these valuable services throughout the community.

Just recently, KVO and Monument

Valley High School Air Force JROTC have come together to begin working to help each other to have a meeting place for KVO members.

In November, most Veterans will be looking forward to commemorating Veterans Day. Currently, KVO and MVHS AF JROTC are making plans for an event in the community. Each month, the group meet on the second Thursday of each month, during October, KVO is seeking to fill the three vacant positions, once these positions are filled, they will be should be set for the rest of the year. According to Singer, “it’s been challenging to fill these empty slots, he wants the young veterans that have come home to be actively engaged in being part of the Veteran’s organization,” he says. All of the KVO positions are based on volunteers, and the general public is also welcomed to assist.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA VETERAN ORGANIZATION AT COMMUNITY EVENT



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA VETERAN ORGANIZATION AT COMMUNITY EVENT

# KAYENTA TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT US HWY 160 & 163



KAYENTA, ARIZ. REPLICA OF MONUMENT VALLEY STONES ARE SET UP AT THE INTERSECTION.

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** The Kayenta Beautification Project at the intersection of U.S. Highway 160 and 163 is a three-phased project initiated by Kayenta Township Community Development. Phase one of the designs process was implemented at the northeastern quadrant at the intersection near the newly renovated Speedway C-store and Alon gas station in Kayenta.

Phase One of the Landscaping was carried out and completed at the end of December of 2018. Phase One is part of a more significant landscape project that sets the tone for the other two projects.

Phase One included the laying of decomposed “buckskin” colored gravel and sizeable red sandstone boulders from the Ash Fork pit, giving it that Monument Valley appeal; also selected plants compatible with the region along with trees and shrubs were included in the area.

Currently, KTC Community Development is working with NTUA to begin moving on Phase Two. This phases will incorporate a water line drip irrigation system installation along the Chevron Gas Station C-Store along the ADOT corridor. The new NAPA building. Each corner will mirror the design from the Northside.

The Landscape Project along the ADOT corridor will be phase two of the landscaping project which will extend towards the Old 7-2-11 and Church’s Chicken.

For more information on Kayenta Beautification Project 928.697.8451



KAYENTA, ARIZ. MORNING DEW LANDSCAPING SET UP STONES



KAYENTA, ARIZ. LARGE STONES ARE PLACED IN STRATEGIC LOCATION.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. ALMOST NEAR COMPLETION.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. LANDSCAPING CREW WORKING IN IRRIGATION FOR TREES.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. DELIVERY OF LARGE STONES ARRIVING TO THE SITE.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. CREW WORKING ON IRRIGATION FOR RUN-OFF.



# KAYENTA BOARDING SCHOOL SECURES KAYENTA TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION GRANT

**Kayenta, Ariz.** Since the inception of the Kayenta Township Beautification Grant was implemented, the grant was awarded as a reimbursement grant; however, a lot of programs preferred the direct grant.

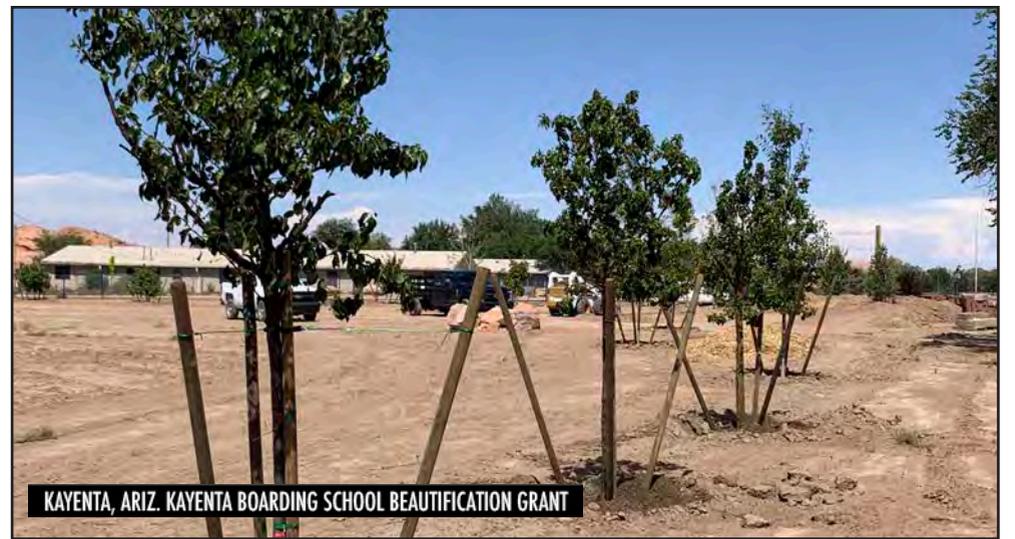
Subsequently, since the changes, a lot of programs, businesses, and school became interested.

One of the local schools heard about the Beautification Grant and immediately started the paperwork process. Kelly Yazzie, Maintenance Supervisor at Kayenta Boarding School, says,

“I knew what we wanted to do for the school that would impact the community. The grant was primarily used in purchasing large caliber trees, irrigation supplies, planting material, and providing our skilled labor.”

Yazzie mentioned that he is a professional Landscaper, and that gave him the advantage to envision working with the aesthetics of the area he wanted to modify with visible features.

During the summer months, his staff continued to work on the proposed



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA BOARDING SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION GRANT



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA BOARDING SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION GRANT

“The boarding school was unable to do the reimbursement grant because KBS didn’t necessarily set aside funding for a project like this. Funding from our school is primarily direct education funds, and facility maintenance funds are geared to the maintenance and operation of the school. There are limited funds for land improvement; we chose the direct grant, which gave us the funding upfront. It was submitted through the channels of the government and assigned an accounting line code, from there we were able to procure materials and work within the means of the amount allotted.”

Kayenta Boarding School was awarded forty thousand dollars.

“The project was initiated through collaboration with KBS staff. We

areas, and he says “we went from bare ground to what you see now, 38 trees that extend 600 feet in one direction, 300 feet in the other, and is visually appealing.”

Landscaping is the series of steps in making a piece of land more attractive by altering the existing de-

sign, adding ornamental features, and planting trees and shrubs. In his own words, Yazzie said, “Beautification is enhancing the environment, the grounds, and the community. The expectation is to create a pleasant environment.”

With precise planning and envisioning his craft, Yazzie alluded

“keeping it simple, the boarding school chose to implement a retaining wall to add elevation. The plant selection was specifically for larger caliber trees and the irrigation system to ensure water. The landscape

is a commitment, and it can grow cre-



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA BOARDING SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION GRANT



KAYENTA, ARIZ. KAYENTA BOARDING SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION GRANT

atively if you want it to. Similar to educating students, it takes time and effort.”

Yazzie indicated that he wants to “inspire the community to get creative in the way we present Kayenta.

Three years from now residing in a community that has a consistent flow of trees from one end of town to the other is going to offer communal pride. We already have pride in our community, and we keep it relatively clean. In three years, let’s hope we have more businesses that were a result of the beautification grant.”

Yazzie added final touches by placing a metal lettering that displays a public medium “Kayenta Boarding School!”



## MONUMENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC GOING STRONG WITH OUTDOOR ORIENTEERING TRAINING

KAYENTA, ARIZ. “Navajos cannot and will not be lost” were the words spoken by retired Master Sergeant Sombrero to the Air Force Junior ROTC cadets. On September 7, 2019, the Monument Valley High School cadets participated in their first-

targets on the map that vary in score points. Teams are made up of two cadets, and each cadet must have reflective vests (or some other bright-colored material), whistle, water, and a compass. Once the event host verifies each cadet has these items, t

given a safety briefing from the JROTC safety officer on local conditions, weather, and specific hazards such as wildlife and plants. Since our cadets received only a week’s worth of orienteering training, the instructor’s felt the cadets should start with the training field using training map. As such, the instructors accompanied the students to the first three targets, and after that, the cadets were ready to take on the rest of the targets.

After 90 minutes, our first team composed of Mr. Benally and Aurailiah Begay came in after finding all eight targets, followed by the rest of the team: Joey Leonard, Garrett Todacheene, Lariat Begay, Towan Fragua, Treynae BooSilas, and another cadet. It was a fun, and exciting event exclusive to the

JROTC organization since our cadets witnessed other cadets from the Army, Marine, Navy, and Air Force JROTCs.

We hope to get all the students involved in something. Our orienteering team was made up of students who’ve never been in sports but were put in a sports activity that required running, hiking, and racing to the finish line against other teams like any other ‘regular’ sport.

The JROTC program can offer a plethora of team activities like Cyber security, Academics, Marksmanship, Rocketry, Drones, and many more.

As one Air Force officer commented, “a student will join something...good or bad, so you might as well create something good.”



PRESCOTT, ARIZ. MVHS AF JRTOC PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR ORIENTEERING (PC:JS)

ever Orienteering event held at Prescott, AZ. Prior to this date, Mr. Lawson Benally Jr., an assistant Aerospace Science instructor, utilized his USMC Lan-Nav skills and conducted an introductory course on orienteering. Orienteering is a different kind of sport that requires a student to think strategically and act physically. It’s a sport that requires cadets to build their navigational skills by using maps, compasses in unfamiliar locations; such as a forest to a navigate to specific

hen they are given a map and electronic device that is used to scan each ‘discovered’ target during the orienteering event. The event only lasts two hours; therefore, cadets must find and scan as many targets as they can and reach the finish line before the time expires; because each minute a team is late to the finish line, they are penalized by a reduction in points.

Once the cadets receive a map from the event-host, they are



PRESCOTT, ARIZ. MVHS AF JRTOC PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR ORIENTEERING (PC:JS)



# KAYENTA SPECIAL DIABETES PROJECT GEARING UP WITH GREAT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR FALL 2019

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** The Kayenta Special Diabetes Program had a very productive summer. Our 5th annual Kayenta Lil Warriors Program was one of our highlights of the year; we conducted games, education, hiking, and camping activities the entire month of June.

Our 3rd Annual glow walk had and equally amazing turn out of over 400 people lighting up the night on a 7k walk. If you missed out on some of our summer activities, you're in luck as we already have much more in store for the coming seasons!

Our events for this fall and winter! Kayenta Boarding School Zumba-Thon – October 11th 6PM

– 8PM Hosted by the 8th Graders, Come help them with their fundraising efforts. Kayenta Fall Food Festival –

October 17th 4pm to 10pm @ the Kayenta NSDP Building. Come enjoy live music, community cooking, and pumpkin festivities. Halloween Fun Carnival & Haunted House – October 31st 5PM – 8PM @ Kayenta NSDP Building

Drop by our Spooky Haunted House to exchange some candy for Fun Activities. The candy collected will be sent our troops abroad.

Hiking Diné Bikéyah – October 12th Snake Arch, November 2nd Blue Canyon, November 9th Hunts Mesa, November 16th White Mesa.

Kayenta Veterans Run/Walk – No-

vember 11th

Honor our veterans by participating in our walk/running event! Ugly Sweater Zumba-Thon – December 5th 6PM – 8PM

Bust out last year's Christmas present from your grandma (That sweatshirt you never wear) and dance with us. Roaring 20's Zumba Party – December 31st 10PM – 12AM

Come dressed in your Glitz and Glam and bring in the New Year! Don't forget to bring a New Year's date for that kiss. Check out, like, and follow our Facebook for more details and future events: Navajo Special Diabetes Program.



## MISCONCEPTION ABOUT PLASTICS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING: NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** Plastics are ubiquitous in our garbage, as well as in everyday products we utilize. It's easy to dismiss plastics as harmless, with little to no hazardous impact on the environment and our health.

Part of the reason for this misperception rises from how plastics are used for greater good, like to package foods and to make synthetic clothing.

Here on the Navajo Nation, plastics are increasingly entering illegal trash dump sites, where plastics degrade into smaller particles through exposure to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight. Some of these plastics break down so small, they are the same size as a grain of sand or even smaller to almost the same size as a bacterium or a unicellular organism.

These types of degraded plastics

broken down to a few micrometers are called microplastics.

Scientists are beginning to understand the impacts of microplastic on organisms, such as fish and humans.

They are finding that microplastics are entering the digestive system where they enter the bloodstream or may occupy cellular space such as in fish tissue.

Bigger microplastic particles may simply pass through the body.

A simple online YouTube search for microplastic reveals a great number

of informational resources on human health and environmental impacts research of microplastics.

So, what can we do to mitigate the impacts of plastics? You can refuse single use plastic shopping bags by opting into reusable shopping bags, avoid the use of plastic straws, and purchase food items in bulk.

Burning of plastics is not recommended! Plastics contain man-made chemicals that cause cancer, and through burning, the chemicals impact air quality and water quality. The burnt chemical plastic ash is transported by each rain event toward



KAYENTA, ARIZ. ILLEGAL TRASH DUMP SITE

animal and human drinking water sources.

Proper disposal of household garbage will help reduce microplastics entering our natural environment.

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## KAYENTA TOWNSHIP SELECTS NEW RECREATION COORDINATOR AND BEGINS WORKING ON COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** “The first thing we want to develop is a Recreation Program,” says Stephen Young, the newly hired Recreation Specialist at Kayenta Township. Young says the current recreation program is almost non-existent and not many people know about it uniquely within the township.

“The focus is to develop a program or programs for both adults and youths and part of that is building a program that sparks interest in the community.”

Some of the challenges in the commu-

nity of Kayenta is how rural it is and how difficult and challenging it is to develop a program, and it may seem problematic, and these are the things Young will be exploring to make these programs work. “We have the opportunity to provide a recreation program for those that are not very fortunate to leave the community to go to a sports camp or some program that is not within the community but instead bring those programs to the community.”

Kayenta is a proactive community, and families encourage their

young ones to join sports programs and maintain a level of activities, and some programs keep the youth active. However, Young says, “we would like to reach out to the community and invite other communities to be part of the recreation programs.

The program will reach out to both parents and their children; this will create a healthy environment.”

It’s been noted Diabetes is on the rise and the Navajo Nation Office of the President have been actively engaged in providing awareness and education through their campaign ef-

orts however Diabetes continues to be an epidemic in our communities. “I want to capitalize on outdoor activities and build a recreation program that focuses on a community outreach process.

We can help with those that are dealing with Diabetes and create initiatives for a healthy lifestyle for the community,” added Young.

*For more information on the Kayenta Recreation Program call 928.697.8451*



**OPEN GYM**

Starting Oct. 1

**BASKETBALL**

TUE & THUR | 6-8:30pm | KMS GYM

DAILY FEE: \$2.00  
30 DAY MEMBERSHIP: \$20.00



For more info, call (928) 697-8451 

**KAYENTA FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**6:00 AM - 8:00 AM**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**OCTOBER 2019 INCENTIVES**

**ALUMINUM WATER BOTTLE WITH PAID MEMBERSHIP OF \$20.00**

**FITNESS CENTER FEES**  
**SINGLE DAY: \$2.00**  
**30 DAY MEMBERSHIP - \$20.00**

**Volleyball Open Gym**

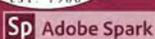
Save the date Starting Sept. 30

Mon & Wed | 6-8:30pm | KMS GYM

Daily Fee: \$2.00 per person  
30 Day Membership: \$20.00 per person

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (928) 697-8451







**BLACK MESA TWIN CINEMA**

**KAYENTA, AZ**

**24 hour Movie Line (855) 463-6609**



## KAYENTA MIDDLE SCHOOL PAGEANT WILL BE FEATURED IN A DOCUMENTARY PROJECT

**KAYENTA, ARIZ.** James Foguth, a Navajo documentary filmmaker who has worked on projects that have aired on HBO, ESPN-U, and the Audience Network, is producing a documentary called Brave that follows Diné youth coming of age within the Diné Culture, and explores the challenges they face through their eyes. The documentary will center around Diné youth that participate in the Diné Princess and Brave Pageants.

“For me, it is justice work to share perspectives that inform the Diné people of the challenges of growing up as a Diné youth in this westernized world,” Foguth said. “My films aim to dispel the of notions of the lazy Diné youth who refuse to learn their language and to break Indian stereotypes that portray us

as overly romanticized racial caricatures.”

One of the major themes in Brave will be the “integrative and dis-



integrative forces shaping young Dine people.”

“The disintegrative forces are things like domestic violence and

substance abuse, and the integrative forces are the Diné culture and language,” Foguth said.

Foguth feels is important to tell the

complete story of Diné youth as it is both ethical and humanizing. He hopes to weave historical context throughout the film to ensure that

the story is whole.

Foguth grew up in Lukachukai on the Navajo Nation. He comes from a traditional family. Foguth himself was a Tsaile elementary school Brave when he was twelve years old. Foguth has been making documentaries since he was fourteen years old.

“My grandmother, Annie Kahn, was a strong advocate for teaching Dine Culture and woman’s rights.” Foguth says.

Foguth’s feels it is important to have Diné People tell Diné stories. “I’m tired of outsiders applying a technical recipe to our Diné culture and identity,” Foguth said.

The Brave documentary is in production and a funding campaign is under way. More information about the film can be found at [nizhonifilms.com](http://nizhonifilms.com).

## Kayenta NAPA Auto Parts Owner Receives Grant Award



KAYENTA, ARIZ. WAYLAND LAFONT AND GABRIEL YAZZIE, KTC TOWN MANAGER

**Kayenta, Ariz.** NAPA Auto Parts owner, Wayland LaFont was awarded Business Site Infrastructure Incentives from Kayenta Township. Kayenta Township Commission approved a payment of \$50,000.00 to Wayland Lafont as a Business Site Infrastructure Incentive for parking lot improvements. “It’s good to work with a local government that wants to work with the community,” said LaFont.

The Kayenta NAPA Auto Parts store has been in business for the last 12 years, and the store was located behind Wetherwill Motel. LaFont

kept with the NAPA Auto Parts brand and has been loyal, and he adds “I could see the future out here in Kayenta and the needs of the surrounding areas. There is no other auto parts store out here, no facilities.”

LaFont says he’s adamant about capturing tourism dollars since Kayenta is a hub for tourism. It only makes sense tourist make up more of his customers during summer hours. Now that he has moved to the center of the community, he has seen an influx of cus-

tomers and has witnessed his business flourish and become more successful. “It something new, it’s a prime location, it’s nice. It’s good to see new faces, more tourist,” says LaFont.

In the past, he has only seen a handful of successful business on the Navajo Nation survive throughout the years. His advice to those that are seeking independent entrepreneurship, “you can’t give up, and you have to keep on trying, there’s a lot to do out here.”



*Bryce Yazzie Presents*

# **Hustle & Flow**

*Navajo Nation Jr. Bull Riding Association*

*September 28, 2019 Kayenta Rodeo Grounds 7<sup>pm</sup>*

## **EVENT/AGE**

## **ENTRY FEE**

WOOLLY RIDING (6 & UNDER)	<b>\$45</b>
CALF RIDING (8 & UNDER)	<b>\$50</b>
STEER RIDING (11 & UNDER)	<b>\$55</b>
PEE WEE BULL RIDING (13 & UNDER)	<b>\$60</b>
JR. BULL RIDING (16 & UNDER)	<b>\$65</b>
SR. BOYS BULL RIDING (19 & UNDER)	<b>\$70</b>
LADIES BULL RIDING (OPEN)	<b>\$60</b>
LEGENDS BULL RIDING (35+)	<b>\$65</b>
OPEN BULL RIDING (OPEN)	<b>\$85</b>

**BUCKLES TO EVENT CHAMPIONS**  
**AWARDS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>**



**ENTRY INFO & CES: (505) 387-9700**  
**CALL-INS SEPTEMBER 25 6-9<sup>PM</sup>**  
**WALK-IN ENTRIES 2 HOURS PRIOR TO SHOWTIME**  
**ADMIN & STOCK FEE INCLUDED**  
**NON-MEMBERS WELCOME - \$5<sup>00</sup> FEE**  
**AGES AS OF JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>, PROOF REQUIRED**  
**WAIVER FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENTS, NO EXCEPTIONS**

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