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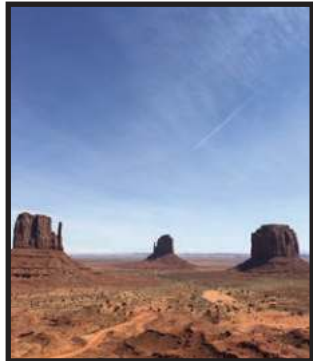
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Monument Valley, UT. (Photo Chris Burnside)



Monument Valley, Utah. - Lee Cly at Lee Cly Trail head. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)

Monument Valley, UT. Mr. Lee Cly, Navajo, was born in the valley, also known today as Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, Monument Valley, Utah. According to Mr. Cly, his birthplace was on the west side of the Mit-tens in the early 1950's in a Navajo traditional Hogan. In the early 1930's, a famous filmmaker and director, John Ford produced several motion pictures featuring Monument Valley as a backdrop, just as what American movie-goers envision what the wild west appeared in motion pictures. In a conversation about the trail being named after him, Cly says he's honored to be named alongside John Ford, John Wayne, and Chevy Chase. The Lee Cly Trail is 2.1 miles along the mesa rim; the trail can be found on the south side of The View hotel. Cly has been employed by Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park for over 39 years; Cly says he enjoys working at the park because he gets to meet new people every day and the opportunity to meet and greet with people from other countries. Cly is considered to be the longest ever to be employed by Monument

Valley Navajo Tribal Park; he says in his years with the park, he was delegated six times as Acting Park Manager in a total of twelve years. With that, he was able to assist 15 Park Managers. One of many aspects of maintaining a park is providing services such as basic operations, beautification, and facility management; he has mastered the art of park management. Because of his knowledge in landscaping, hospitality, and customer service he has fostered and maintained the beauty of Monument Valley as you see it today. He loves what he calls his nature backyard formation. His wishes are to keep the beauty of the park as is and keep them as nature found them so our next generation can enjoy them. Currently, Cly is the Building Maintenance Supervisor. Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park is under the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation. Park scenic drive hours are: Peak Season (May 1 thru September 30) 6:00 am - 8:00 am. Off Season (Oct - April) 8:00 am - 4:30 am. For more information, you can go to www.navajonationparks.org



KAYENTA, ARIZ. - Dedication is scheduled for April 27, 2016 and the new Kayenta Health Center will open its doors on May 02, 2016. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)

KAYENTA, ARIZ. It is with great joy, and honor that I express appreciation for the outstanding work to date and I look forward to working alongside you to create the finest Indian Health Service Unit in the world. Our goal is to set the standard for all to follow. 2016 will be the most significant year in the history of KSU as we move into a state of the art facility perhaps the very finest in all of IHS. Every single American taxpayer has contributed to this facility. We owe it to them and ourselves to make the very best use of it. For this reason, 2016 will be a new year in which we completed 're-brand' KSU, transforming it into a new life. Central to this will be how we transform the culture of KSU. I envision a culture of harmony and respect, dedication and accountability starting with myself and modeled in every way by leaders at all levels. I know with your dedication this culture will spread out through our patients and customers as we achieve our vision of creating truly loyal customers who think of us first when they have any health care concerns. Our goal is not to just bring ill people to a state of health. We want to also take healthy people, including ourselves, to a state of vitality. We will do this as we bring a new line-

up of healthcare and educational services. Our major initiatives this coming year will be to affect a smooth and professional move into our new facility, create a new culture of harmony and respect, nearly double our staff by attracting top talent and the right personality fit for our new culture, launch and maintain out customer loyalty initiative, build strong and skilled leadership team from executive to supervisors and prepare our future leaders, build clear system of accountability and score boarding. The Dedication for the new Kayenta Health Center is scheduled for April 27, 2016 and will open the new facility on May 02, 2016. Greenburg Construction turned over thirty five housing units to the Government at the beginning of Febuary 2016. DES-Seattle is working with contractors to finish; vehicle fences, landscaping, hanging equipment on the walls, installation of bulk oxygen equipment, and correction identified during final inspection. John Bausch from DES-Seattle replaced Shad Schoppert as the hospital project officer in October 2015, and will assume duties as the quarters project officer from Stephen Christopher in Febuary 2016. -Mr. Frank Dayish, CEO Kayenta Service Unit



Why is uranium on the Navajo Nation?



Monument Valley Uranium Issues Open House

Saturday, April 9, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

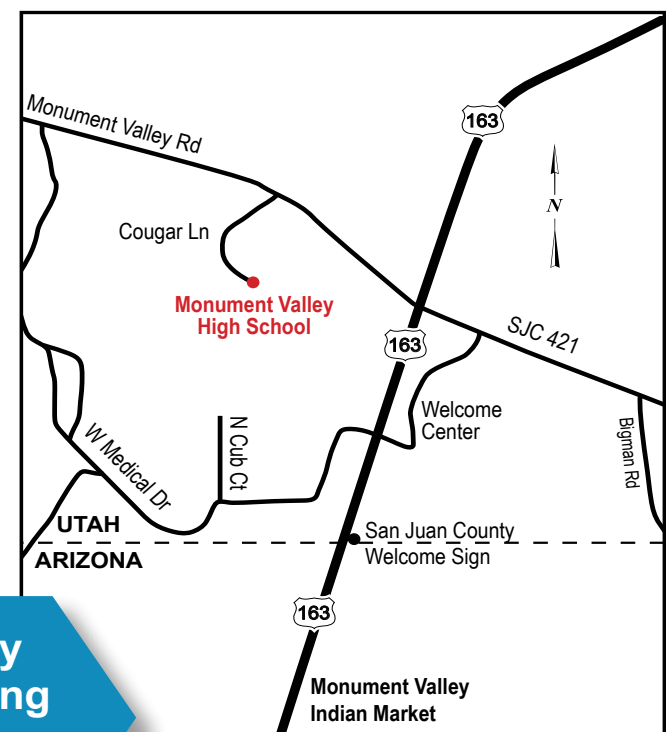
Monument Valley High School Gymnasium

100 North Cougar Lane, Monument Valley, UT 84536

What is uranium?

Agenda	
9:00 a.m.	Pre-Open House Begins
10:00 a.m.	Invocation
10:20 a.m.	Introduction: April Gil, PhD DOE Environmental Team Leader
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	General Open House

Refreshments will be provided.



Is my drinking water safe?

Participating Agencies:

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands/Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (NN AML/UMTRA)
- Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NN EPA)
- Navajo Nation Department of Health (NN DOH)

Email Public.Affairs@lm.doe.gov for more information

NAVAJO COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND KAYENTA JUSTICE COURT - By Susie Nelson, Justice of the Peace



Kayenta Justice Court, Navajo County, located at the entrance to the new hospital. Marriage Licenses issued the same day of the wedding; stop by the KJP Court to check on your status of a State issued citation. Navajo County Sheriff and AZ Dept of Public Safety, (DPS) share an office here. Navajo County Supervisor Robert Black Jr, has an office here. Navajo County Health comes to the KYJP Court four times a year to issue birth certificates, February, May, August and November, 1st Thursday of the month. Navajo

County Probation and Navajo County Elections come out the 1st Thursday every month. Navajo County Sheriff has a deposit box for unused or outdated prescription medications to be disposed of properly so that is won't fall into the hands of juveniles. We have information packets for victims of crimes in Navajo County. Questions regarding services offered by Navajo County, please stop by. Susie Nelson, Justice of the Peace
 Kayenta Justice Court
 PO Box 38
 Kayenta, AZ 86033
 Phone (928) 697-3522

KAYENTA POLICE DEPARTMENT: RECRUITMENT DRIVE - By Officer John Silas, KPD

KAYENTA, ARIZ. -The Navajo Police Department is actively recruiting for potential police officer candidates and certified police officers. Interested applicants must meet certain requirements. Police officers must be able to perform without direct supervision and exercise independent judgement in meeting any emergency situation. It is a tough job that has to be done. If you feel that you are capable then perhaps you can wear the distinguished uniform that has a proud heritage. Navajo Division of Public Safety Kayenta Police District will be conducting a recruit police drive on

March 23, 2016, at 10 am at Kayenta Police Department. Basic Requirements. Must be at least 21 years old before graduating from the academy be physically and mental health. A high school graduate or GED certificate United States Citizen, no felony conviction. No misdemeanor convictions within three years prior of appointment No excessive traffic citations. Haven not been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Force and no domestic violence conviction. For more information contact Officer John Silas Jr 5600 or 5598 at Kayenta Police Department



NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY: Leave Sooner, Drive Slower, Live Longer- By Ryan Allison

The Navajo Department of Highway Safety was established in 1978 with the intent of educating Navajo Nation Employees on driving safety with a program called Drivers Improvement. Throughout the decades; the Department has evolved into something much bigger. Currently under the Navajo Division of Transportation, the Navajo Department of Highway Safety (or NDHS) works to bring awareness to safe driving initiatives that include impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant protection for all ages through community education and public outreach activities. The Department also offers

Car Seat Clinics, as well as Defensive Driving Courses. NDHS Employees are required to be Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians to education on proper child restraints for children. NDHS is also partnered with several programs to promote child safety initiatives through the Safe Kids Navajo Nation Coalitions; one of the very few Native American Coalitions in the United States. NDHS collects data by surveying child restraint use on the Navajo Nation to illustrate how important the proper child restraint usage is for children. NDHS values its outreach

efforts to all communities throughout the Navajo Nation. NDHS believes every part of the Navajo Nation should be educated and encouraged on good driving habits. While we do want more face to face interaction, social media is another useful tool to bring forth awareness. Through the power of social media, we can reach just about anyone. Although social media is such an important tool, it also part of the problem. Distracted Driving is one of the causes of preventable car collisions and crashes. Every accident and crash are preventable. Accidents do not happen; they

are caused. We want everyone to know practicing safe driving habits, obeying traffic laws, and being aware of our surroundings can and will save a life. Navajo Department of Highway Safety employees is always avail-

able to educate anyone who has questions regarding Child Passenger Safety, Impaired and Distracted Driving, Occupant Protection, etc. Remember, Leave Sooner~Drive Slower~Live Longer!



2016 Tsé Bii' Nidzigaii Community Celebration

Navajo Nation Welcome Center

Monument Valley, Utah

June 24, 2016

FREE EVENT

FREE LUNCH

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FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CALL ROSE GILLIS AT 435.727.5871



PUBLIC SAFETY/JUSTICE Day
Kayenta REC Center
DEMOS BY: EMERGENCY VEHICLES
K-9 unit
MOCK MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
HELICOPTERS on DISPLAYS
REFRESHMENTS
MUSIC BY: DJ JOHNNY
May 13th, 2016
6 AM to 2 PM
INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
(928) 697-4074/4075

SATURDAY, APRIL 22/23, 2016
SHONTO, ARIZONA

PARADISE LOOP RIDE
MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT

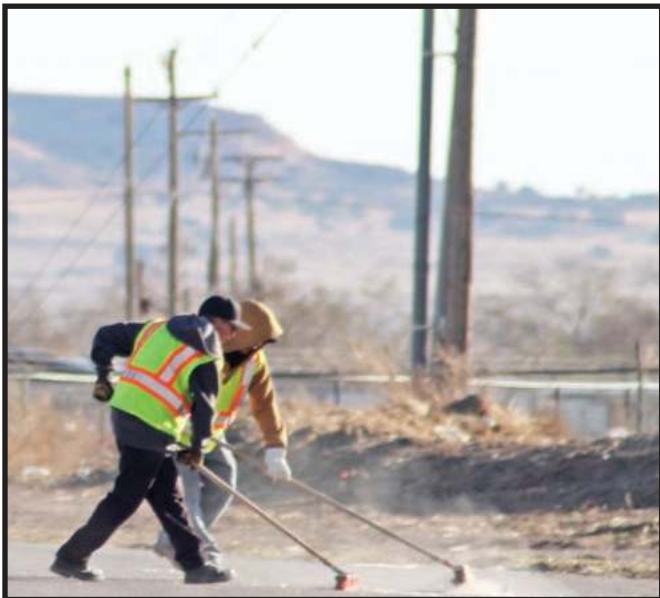
32 MILE LOOP
 SHONTO-TALL
 MOUNTAIN LOOP

18 MILE LOOP
 SHONTO-NAVAJO
 MONUMENT LOOP

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
 ORLETA: 928.209.1928
 TOM: 928.429.0345
 CHUSKAMAN@YAHOO.COM
WWW.NAVAJOYES.ORG

REGISTRATION: \$40 (YOUTH: \$10)
 INCLUDES T-SHIRT, POSTER, POST-RACE MEAL, COURSE SUPPORT,
 AND AVAILABLE FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPING

Kayenta Township: Public Works



Kayenta, Ariz. - Public Works cleaning broken glass near Shelter Home and Standstone Housing. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Public Work employees set up Pole Tent for the Community Christmas Celebration. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Public Works cleaning out back up at Kayenta Police Department Support Building. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Community Development and Public Works identifying sewer line location at Kayenta Police Department. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Public Works Department providing weed control along fence near Kayenta Rodeo Grounds and Vendor Village. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Kayenta Public Works and Community Development will be providing trash services for Community Trash Pick-up on March 29, 2016. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Community Development providing field inspection at KUSD cattle guard. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - New canal system being built at KUSD. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Vendor Village will start seeing new changes within the next month. (Photo Tyler Glasses, KTC.)

Kayenta Township: Community Development



Kayenta, Ariz. - Part of the Kayenta Beautification Project, benches were placed in and around Kayenta Township. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Newly poured concrete for bench placements in and around the Kayenta Township. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Tyler Glasses and Mark Joseph going through Blue Prints, Plans and Maps for projects for Kayenta Township. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Kayenta Township Community Development and Public Works assisting with inspections at Tohdenasshai Shelter Home. (Photo Courtesy of Mark Joseph, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - Newly framed 'Snow Removal Equipment' building near Kayenta Airport being constructed. (Photo Courtesy of Tyler Glasses, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - A complete 'Snow Removal Equipment' Building fully functional with power and landscape. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC)



Kayenta, Ariz. - New Fuel tanks at Correctional Facility and Kayenta Police Department Support Building. (Photo Courtesy of Mark Joseph, KTC.)

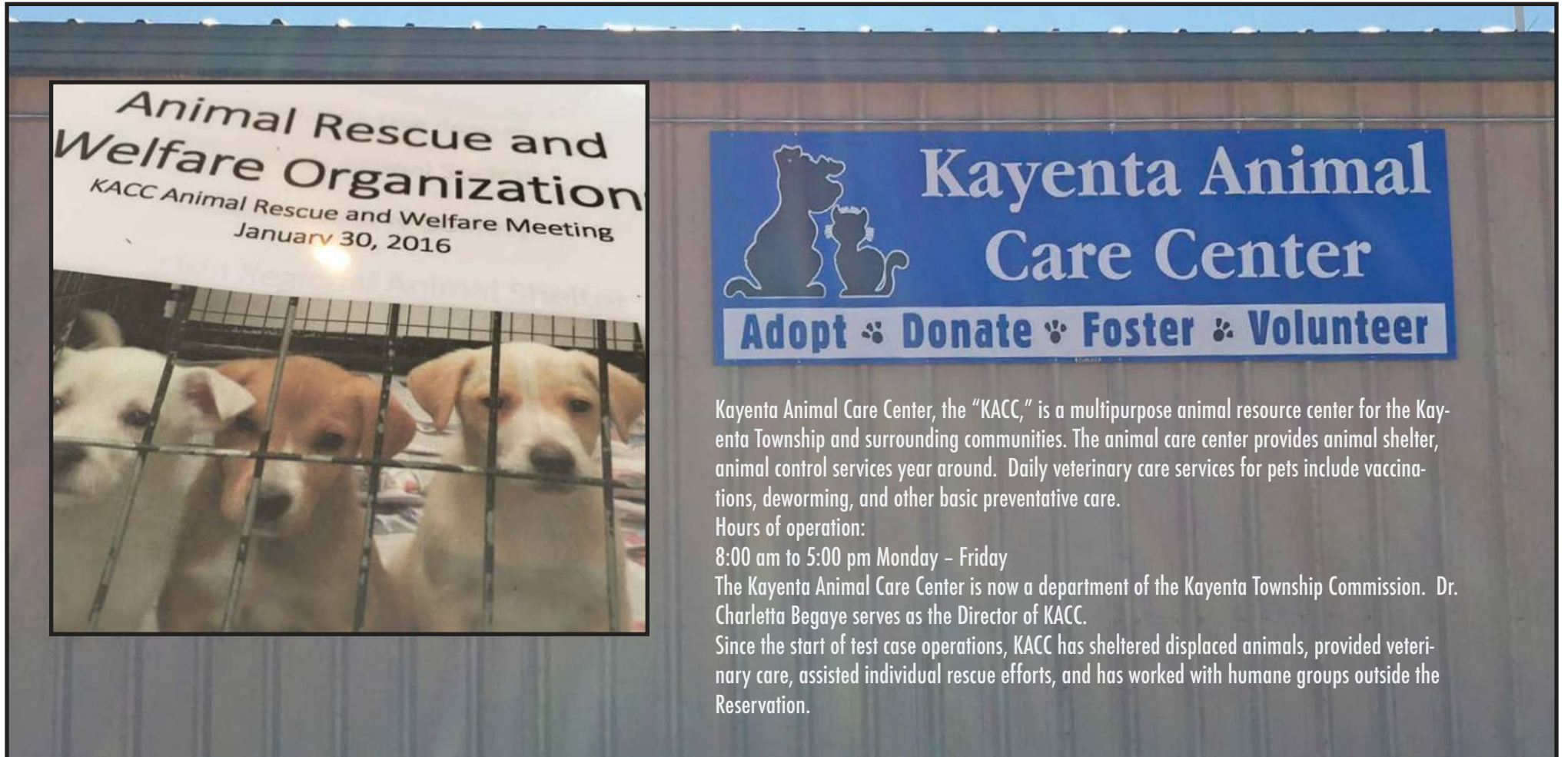


Kayenta, Ariz. - Newly developed Church's Chicken on U.S Highway 160. Coming Soon. Kayenta Township involved with Inspections. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)



Kayenta, Ariz. - De-Icer storage building on ADOT Facilities. The building will be maintain by ADOT and De-Icer installed and full operation. (Photo Courtesy of Mark Joseph, KTC.)

Kayenta Township: Animal Care Center



Animal Rescue and Welfare Organization
KACC Animal Rescue and Welfare Meeting
January 30, 2016

Kayenta Animal Care Center
Adopt • Donate • Foster • Volunteer

Kayenta Animal Care Center, the "KACC," is a multipurpose animal resource center for the Kayenta Township and surrounding communities. The animal care center provides animal shelter, animal control services year around. Daily veterinary care services for pets include vaccinations, deworming, and other basic preventative care.

Hours of operation:
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

The Kayenta Animal Care Center is now a department of the Kayenta Township Commission. Dr. Charletta Begaye serves as the Director of KACC.

Since the start of test case operations, KACC has sheltered displaced animals, provided veterinary care, assisted individual rescue efforts, and has worked with humane groups outside the Reservation.

Kayenta Township: Fitness Center



KAYENTA FITNESS CENTER
MONDAY - FRIDAY
6 AM - 9 PM
SATURDAY
8 AM - 5 PM
\$2.00 DAY PASS
\$35.00 PER MONTH
BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE
928.697.8487

KAYENTA FITNESS CENTER

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SPRING VACCINATION SPECIAL - MARCH 17 & 18, 2016



KAYENTA, ARIZ. - Dr. Zoey Benally providing services at Kayenta Rodeo Grounds during the Spring Vaccination on March 17 & 18, 2016. (Photo Chris Burnside)


Kayenta, Ariz. - Chilchinbeto Farm Board Official, Delbert Big attended an Equine First Aid class in February. He came up with an excellent idea to have all the Farm Board officials from the area to collaborate with Navajo Technical University (NTU) to hold an event to provide a Spring Vaccination Special for the community at the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds. On March 17 and 18. Dr. Zoey Benally, Associate Veterinarian, and Instructor from NTU, Crownpoint, NM main campus, along with several students in the Veterinarian Tech Program, came to Kayenta Rodeo Grounds. This opportunity allowed the students first-hand experience working with cattle, horses, sheep, goats, cats and dogs. "It gives them a chance to work with community members in a different area of the Navajo Nation," says

Dr. Benally. The program is funded by USDA through the Land Grant Program, which allows students to attain their certification and broaden their education to pursue a career in the Veterinarian field. "There're only five veterinarians on the Navajo Nation, two of them are from NTU, it's hard to get veterinarians out here, we try to go out and serve places that don't have access to these services," says Benally. She was happy about today's event, and many people from the community came out and brought their animals. "It's a big collaboration, and we like that, so that's how this came about," said Benally regarding the 2016 Spring Vaccination Special. For more information about Vaccinations you can call Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint campus at 505.786.4150.

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**KAYENTA HOSPITAL
 DEDICATION CELEBRATION**
 PLEASE JOIN US
 FOR THE KAYENTA HEALTH CENTER
 DEDICATION CEREMONY
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016
 at 10:00 AM
 U.S. HIGHWAY 160 SOUTH OF MP 394.3
 KAYENTA, AZ.
 Kayenta Service Unit will provide hospital tours from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 K.A.R.H. STEERING COMMITTEE WILL SERVE LUNCH



SAVE THE DATE
KAYENTA FOURTH OF JULY RODEO
JUNE 29, 2016 - JR RODEO
JULY 1-4th - ALL INDIAN RODEO

Workshop Help Native American Achieve Small Business Dreams: By Kyle Smith, RedWind Consulting Resources

KAYENTA, ARIZ. - Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment Workshops provides Native Americans the training and inspiration to successfully launch their small businesses and grow established enterprises.

The workshops offer comprehensive information on topics such as business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem-solving and marketing a small business.

The approach taken by workshop instruc-

tors is geared toward the real world. "The things I thought I knew about before, I didn't really know about," said participant Anthony Jones. "Coming to this workshop I know a broader way of approaching problems and how to solve those problems."

The "hands-on" exercises and group activities offer more than textbook learning to create a lasting impact for Native people. "Here you're with your peers, your community members, and it's a comfortable atmosphere to express your-

self and learn," said student Damon Sanderson. Unlike most workshops, the staff at Native Small Business, who presents the workshops, also offers follow-up personal assistance. Any question about workshop material or assistance needed to start up or manage a small business is provided at no cost.

The website, <http://www.nativesmallbusiness.org/>, provides additional support for a resource page showing links to some topics ranging from writing a business plan for finding clip art for building a website.

Once the workshop is complete, participants can find ways to share their products and service on a community Facebook site, "Small Native Business". They can connect with other native entrepreneurs, talk about their experiences, and find articles about small business.

An SBA Deputy District Director summed up his experience of the workshop by saying, "The two-day workshop was one of the most useful and comprehensive I have ever experienced."

The Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment

Workshops are provided at no cost to Native communities across the country through support from the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Native American. For more information go to their website, <http://www.nativesmallbusiness.org/>, or contact Linda Lewis, ltlewis@nativesmallbusiness.org, 918-458-9322. The community Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386120821705525/>



Workshop attendees at Kayenta Town Hall

30th Eugene Charley Championship Bull Riding School - May 6, 7, and 8, 2016



Eugene Charley, 1971, winning on a Pete Owen Rodeo Co. Bull at Las Vegas, International Pro Rodeo Association (IPRA) Rodeo. (Photo Courtesy of Prince Photo).

KAYENTA, ARIZ. - The 30th Eugene Charley Championship Bull Riding School finale is set for May 6, 7, and 8 at the Tech Inn Arena 3 miles north of town. The Championship Bull Riding School originating in 1973 "will be our last school," according to Eugene Charley, founder and lead instructor. Charley added, "It's been a good run of our bull riding school for many years. The school has been attended by literally hundreds of students over the years. We have trained two Indian National Finals Rodeo World Champion bull riders, many regional champions, and many quality bull riders.

Eugene Charley from the local community is a 1971 All-

Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association (AIRCA) Champion Bull Rider, Pro Bull Rider in the International Pro-Rodeo Association (IPRA), Collegiate Bull Rider in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) in the late 1960's and 1970's.

Special Guest instructors are Al Charley, PRCA and AIRCA bull rider, Joe Holgate, INFR and AIRCA bull rider, and Shoncey Charlie, AIRCA bull rider, and Gallup Ceremonial Champion bull rider.

"The bull riding school also includes junior bull, legend, steer and wooly riding. Classic basics is our emphasis and advanced techniques as students' progress in all events," said Charley. Bucking machine,

mighty bucking, and instant replay will aid in instruction. Bucking bulls and steers will match student progress. Two classroom session will be offered, and award buckles, trophies for all events, and special awards. A student riding finals will be presented on the final day.

For application and tuition information for the three-day school, you can call 928.697.34.03 or 928.489.2954. Class size is limited to all events. There will also be two country-western fundraiser dances on Friday and Saturday nights. Event Sponsors are welcomed, call the same number.



KAYENTA, ARIZ. - Community come together to discuss Trash and Solid Waste Issues in and around the Kayenta Community. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC)



KAYENTA, ARIZ. - KEEP KAYENTA BEAUTIFUL MEETING TO SCHEDULE A COMMUNITY WIDE TRASH PICK UP. (Photo Chris Burnside, KTC.)

KEEP KAYENTA BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY TRASH PICK UP MARCH 29 -31, 2016

Trash Bags donated by NGS. Trash bags will be picked up by Kayenta Township Public Works Department throughout the three days. Thank you for volunteering!





COMMUNITY WIDE TRASH PICK UP MARCH 29-31, 2016

Kayenta, Ariz. – Kayenta Township spearheaded a joint collaborative initiative with several entities to address solid waste issues, illegal trash dumping and littering. These issues impact the township and the greater chapter communities. Out of that initiative, “Keep Kayenta Beautiful” campaign was launched, with the aim to reach out to citizens who call Kayenta and the surround area home about bringing to light solutions toward a cleaner community for the benefit of human health and the environment. We welcome the community to join “Keep Kayenta Beautiful.”

The First Big Kick-Off Event

‘Keep Kayenta Beautiful’

Tuesday, March 29th to Thursday, March 31st
9:00AM

At Kayenta Recreation Center

Learn from event organizers all about the Keep Kayenta Beautiful campaign initiative, and how you can help. During each morning brief, event volunteers will be giving trash bags donated by Navajo Generating Station, and receive other logistical information, such as daily trash pick-up locations, trash cleanup safety considerations, trash bag collection points, and drinking water and refreshment distribution.



Kayenta, Ariz. - Campaign Logo for ‘Keep Kayenta Beautiful’

SAVE THE DATES

FREE ALL AGES From the deep dark depths of the Rez..... FREE ALL AGES

Who will survive?

AMAZING EPIC

1st \$1000
2nd \$500 - 5th \$250

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP

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June 18, 2016 - 12pm WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
Kayenta Rec Park Rob Zombie Tribute Band

ASTROCREEP2000

Entry open to all bands and genres of music! Deadline to enter May 27, 2016 5pm DST
More information: (928) 429-0671 or www.kayentatownship-nm.gov

FREE EVENT **10TH ANNUAL KAYENTA BMX/SKATE COMPETITION** FREE EVENT

JUNE 10TH, 2016 KAYENTA SKATE PARK - REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8AM

SPONSORED BY KAYENTA TOWNSHIP

More Information - gentleironhawk@yahoo.com - (928) 429-0160

(Photo: Kayenta Skate Park Dedication 2006)

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



- MAY 29, 2016 TRASH PICK UP
- APRIL 02, 2016 WARRIOR RUN
- APRIL 22, 2016 EARTH DAY
- JUNE 18, 2016 KAYENTA FIELD DAY
- JUNE 25 - 26 : SONG & DANCE
- JUNE 25- 26, 2016 POW-WOW
- JUNE 23 - 25, 2016 CARNIVAL
- JUNE 24, 2016 MONUMENT VALLEY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, MV, UTAH
- JUNE 30, 2016 : ELDER DAY
- JUNE 30 - JULY 4th 2016 KAYENTA 4th of JULY RODEO



WARRIOR RUN 2016

FULL MARATHON. HALF MARATHON. 10K. 5K & FUN RUN

RUN LIKE A WARRIOR AND RUN THE DAY

Kayenta, Ariz. The 4th Annual Warrior Run is underway, a grueling and scenic marathon overlooking the majestic red rocks of Kayenta, Arizona!

"This is our fourth year going into the race. The committee and I, we decided to do this run because a close friend and I, we started running half marathons. We thought it would be a good way to implement healthy lifestyle, not only for adults but kids also. We decided to get this up and running and fundraise for multiple activities such as Kayenta Little League, the Little Warrior, hiking, exercising, and we implemented a basketball camp. It's more to get kids out of the house, get them away from video games, and to get them active and involved with certain things. Mainly to keep the kids

active and keep them out of trouble," says Luanne Bradley, Cofounder of Warrior Run. Getting Warrior Run into a non-profit status was a long process. For those who are not familiar with becoming a non-profit, it may seem like a grueling task. It may take years for your organization to reap the benefits. You have to educate yourself and learn about all the steps and the entire process involved. "We thought it was going to be easy, but the application process, having to go through a certified accountant, paying over \$300 to get the nonprofit [Status] organization, and teaming up with different people would help us out. It was a tough process, that and having to reach out to different people, and programs." Bradley's persistence and patience paid off. Now, in their fourth year,

she says she's more prepared to work with her team. She says she's confident that this year will see another successful event. Bradley says the Warrior Run it wouldn't be where it is today without sponsorships endorsing it. The team relied heavily on a marketing strategy; they used tiers of exposure from t-shirts, through medals to trophies. They also reached out to the community for volunteers to devise a plan to make sure kids are getting off the couches and video games. What sets it apart from other marathons is that it is considered difficult, but you can't miss the beauty of it. To get the full experience, sign up for the full marathon because of the scenery and you can embrace the beauty of the area, says Bradley.



www.warriorrun.org



KAYENTA
HOME PARK



Stephen F. Ward, CPA, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

