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## Kayenta Animal Control & Shelter: *Hope From Within.*



Photograph courtesy of [www.kayentaanimalshelter.org](http://www.kayentaanimalshelter.org)



**Above:** Frank Ramsey takes a minute to spend some time with *man's best friend.*

My name is Frank Ramsey and I have lived here in Kayenta for over five years now. When my family and I moved here I, like many others who pass through, saw only how many animals there were. Through first hand experience I quickly realized how much of a nuisance they can be. In the last few years my life has had a lot of change in it and I have a new appreciation of how precious life is. As a result of such personal changes I could no longer stand aside anymore while the growing epidemic of stray animals continued to be swept under the rug. It's a situation that has placed Kayenta and other communities throughout the reservation in a predicament unresolved to this day. Our growing stray and abandoned animal population in addition to the countless roaming pets has placed great strains

on the safety of the respected residents along with the animals themselves.

At first I only wanted to start a shelter. Quickly I realized how futile this effort would be without formal local animal control. Thanks to the administration of the Kayenta Township, a program commenced in August of 2004, and has grown into what will be the Kayenta Animal Control & Shelter (KACS). It will be the first type of municipal organization of animal control once a few pending "red tape" issues are ironed through. Trying to make a start of such an entity or any business on the Navajo Nation for that matter isn't an easy task. The last ten months have been a good start in the right direction in terms of establishing a solid track record in supporting our efforts.

With the assistance of reservation and non-reservation agencies KACS has move over 350 animals toward funding suitable homes in locations beyond the Navajo Nation borders. As indicated in last months issue spay, neuter, and vaccination clinics have successfully operated. With the communities support KACS vows to put an end to animals being carelessly dumped and create a pet population in Kayenta that is healthy and safe for our families. KACS will be able to provide such services once a permanent building is implemented so that screening and adoption services can take place on a more consistent basis.

This task is a community effort as we each play important roles in educating ourselves about the proper methods in caring for animals. The KACS places great emphasis on this useful tool as our goal is to render such educational material for the enhancement of Kayenta's residents. We need this

education in our community, a topic that wasn't so prevalent within the lives of our elders. To own a "pet" differs from that of having sheep dogs or livestock. The tables have turned a bit and we now live in a society where it is not an uncommon occurrence where our children entertain the idea of having a pet in the house. Having a close pet also requires the need to discipline them in instances where they may be experiencing difficulties.

There is much that can be learned from our elders about how precious life is and the balance that must be maintained within nature. There will always be those who do not care or may not understand why someone would care about another stray animal. It is this mentality that we must turn around, so when it comes to your pet that may need to be restrained please be cooperative, such instances will occur for the benefit of the owner, pet and community.

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# KAYENTA'S MARKET STUDY

By Dana Leno



*Above: An aerial view from the top offers greater insight regarding Kayenta's developed regions.*

Kayenta is the gateway to scenic Monument Valley and is home to a proud community. The Kayenta Market Study is a design by Southwest Planning and Marketing out of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The plan assesses the needs of the community as well as attracting tourist to promote a positive growth in population while creating a unique atmosphere of a traditional neighborhood.

The study enhances the idea of Kayenta being a destination spot by creating a resort, a visitor's plaza with artisan studios and a 'main street'. The goal is to stimulate a community attachment in the unique architecture of future constructions to the Kayenta area. The plan suggests redevelopment to current residential areas, especially the housing area known as "The Hill", and also would like to keep the residential area away from future expansion of

facilities close to the new hospital. Other proposed improvements are to introduce a new water tank, sewer line, drainage improvements, and the development of roads.

Results of the Kayenta community survey that was distributed last month were analyzed by Southwest Planning & Marketing. A library, the creation of more jobs, better police protection, community beautification and clean-up, animal control, and the reduction of blowing dust were listed as the most important. A total of 177 people completed the survey living within and outside the Township, other chapters, and a few off the Navajo Nation.

The Kayenta Township is envisioning an area of culture, economy, success, and pride; with Southwest Planning and RME Santa Fe Engineering being the team members that are going to help pave the way.

# The White Pony of K-Town

By Dana Leno

In the midst of waste, rubbish, and junk, a shining white image of a conqueror to battle such garbage has arrived to Kayenta. The new Super Duty Front Loader trash truck is a recent purchase made by the Kayenta Township and Transfer Station to pick up local trash bins.

Local businesses requested that the transfer station acquire a vehicle unit to transfer the large bins of trash instead of an outside business. The trash truck was a purchase/no purchase decision, which meant the decision would go either way. As the transfer station became a business, the clientel ratio dropped and there was marginal or no profit being made.



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# KAYENTA'S RANGELAND RESEEDING PROJECT:

by Dana Leno

*What are the things that make Kayenta beautiful? Is it the Navajo Culture, the formation of rocks known as "The Toes?"*

While maintaining the feelings of a small town, the residents of Kayenta who live here value their community's progress year-round. Despite its beauty and progress Kayenta has been faced with a natural exfoliate that drives the community in an uproar, the predictable "dust storm" season. There is not one person who has not been afflicted with this problem of homes nearly buried under sand dunes, low-visibility when driving, dangerous crosswinds at the airport, and the occasional mini sand dune in one's ear. But that isn't the talk around town anymore. Have you heard of the Reseeding Project, a multi-agency community effort developed to tackle the task of minimizing the blowing sand?

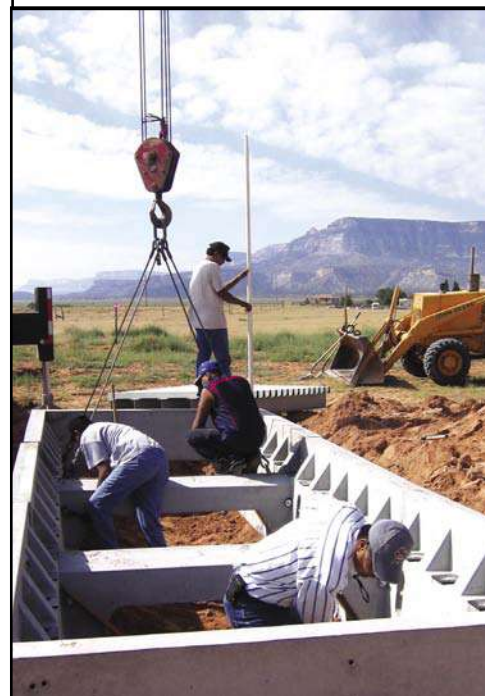
The Kayenta Reseeding Project is an initiative that took years to implement and after much deliberation it has finally been accomplished. In partnership with the Kayenta Chapter, ADOT, Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI), and a core planning team, the Kayenta Township Commission played a vital role in bringing key players to the table in discussing a community concern, "to do something about the severe blowing sand. One of the reasons for reseeding the designated areas around Kayenta was to reclaim and reinvigorate a beautiful area of the community.

The total reseeding area is 1,624 acres located at the South and West ends of Kayenta along Highway 160/ Highway 163. This area will be fenced along the perimeter to control livestock from roaming freely. Some areas that are being used for the Reseeding Project were outside the Kayenta Township jurisdiction, and Consent to access these lands required approval by the Kayenta Chapter and land owners (grazing permit holders).

The Kayenta Township Commission and Kayenta Chapter would like to publicly thank the individuals and their families who allowed the Reseeding Project Team access to their land, allowing the introduction of native and non-native plant species to be rooted. There are 19 land owners that gave permission to the Reseeding Project Team. The objective of the project is to reduce the potential of severe dust storms and sand erosion, to support preventive measures to maintain a controlled area where the grazing of livestock will not be permitted for three (3) years.

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**Below:** The Township Operations Department utilize careful teamwork as they prepare a concrete foundation for a new cattleguard.



*Kayenta Burger King, The Largest Navajo Code Talkers Exhibit in the USA*



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**Above:** Faithful John Deere farming equipment graced the earth's presence throughout preparation phases of the project.

**Right:** Calvert Schenally holds the line as fellow Operations Department member applies final adjustments to a barbwire fence.







**“Instead of waiting around for free hand-outs, the Township is stepping in to get the job done for the well-being of Kayenta’s residents.”**

~Bill Cly, Township Project Manager

**Reseeding Project continued.**

Keeping the area free of livestock will ensure excellent growth and increase longevity of plants. All of those involved including land use owners and community members respect the development of this project, and the fencing will have no negative impact to their property. Once the project is deemed successful the land use owners will resume responsibility.

The Kayenta vegetation platform supports a variety of vegetation such as, juniper, broom snakeweed, rabbitbrush, four-winged saltbrush, narrowleaf yucca, Russian thistle, desert trumpet, filaree, and other sparse grasses and forbs.

During the planting process a rubber-tire, rangeland drill ## will be the muscles ## which will disperse seeds in 100 ft. intervals and 1 inch below the surface.

The following selected plant species will be seeded: Alkali sacaton, crested wheatgrass, Indian rice grass, wild rye, and four-winged saltbrush.

During mid-June, many of you noticed large green tractors preparing the soil and planting the seeds in late June. Perhaps, many of you may have wondered why the planting was behind schedule, but this is how the plan was conceived by technical experts from NAPI. The main source of water and moisture to support the

seedlings begins at the start of the summer monsoon season which usually occurs in July and August. Soon after the rains come an application of mulch will be layered to retain moisture.

Funds for the project come from U.S. Geological Survey, bonds to finance the Kayenta Capital Improvement Plan, and the Kayenta sales tax, reaching an approximate total of 2.6 million dollars to fund the Kayenta Re-seeding project. Another key aspect of the project is community education on how to maintain the grounds and to employ additional gardening and farming techniques. Livestock restrictions will be monitored and enforced by Kayenta Chapter Grazing Officer, BIA, and the Natural Conservation District.

**For the Science Lovers:**

What in the world is an Arizona Monsoon?

The Arizona monsoon is the term when referring to the extreme weather changes in the southwestern part of the United States, notably referring to the Arizona area. ##Arizona has a number of sources of moisture; the winter and spring front from the North Pacific Ocean carries moisture at high atmospheric levels, precipitation is orographic (increases with elevation), and the frequency, moisture, and strength content are affected by

atmospheric circulation patterns of tropical and North Pacific Oceans. The mix of moist air comes from the Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of California, and eastern Pacific Ocean. This creates a rise in the moisture level across the desert and elevations less than 7,000 ft. above sea level have high intensity rainfall and elevations over 7,000 ft. above sea level have a low intensity of rainfall.

**Are Kayenta winds like those at the Sahara Desert?**

Arizona shows the same wind patterns that arise in the deserts of the Sahara. In the Kayenta area, if looked from afar it appears to be a sand dome during a dust storm which can reach speeds between 30-50 mph and heights of 3000 ft. This type of storm is called a Haboob, coming from an Arabic word meaning “wind” or “phenomena”, and are generated by thunderclouds while in their final phase. Another wind pattern that it is similar with are Down-drafts, in which air descends to the ground picking up sand to create

a circulation of dust. There are two different types of downdrafts, a ‘dry’ downdraft is during the ‘dry’ season of the monsoon and a wet downdraft is during the moist portion of the monsoon. Similar wind patterns are also observed in the Mid-East, although they seem more prominent due to an enormous land mass of sand.



**Above:** “Take a breather!” The green giant take a break after long hours plowing through the fields.

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# VISITOR'S CENTER REVIVED!

Fries, anyone? The immediate retreat for most of Kayenta's community will head for either McDonald's or Burger King. Interestingly enough, nestled in between the two mega-giant burger industries is an architecturally stimulating building. What was initially designed to be occupied by vendors in addition to serving as a Visitor's Center, the building's potential has had little success in attracting consistent business. Various vendors have come and gone with the question continuing to linger among Kayenta's residents as to what will ever become of the large structure.

With a little sweat and hard work, Ron Watch has taken it upon himself to revamp the premise in order to serve Kayenta and the traveling tourists with a Visitor's Center. Such plans have already been implemented

with the hopes of utilizing the space available to offer the community with opportunities to thrive.

"I basically see this Visitors' Center as an opportunity to contribute to Kayenta's economy and a nice touch for the many foreign travelers passing through," stated Watch.

These intentions can be seen as the main office facilitates the passer-by with countless material on Kayenta and its surrounding locations to visit. Vendors are especially welcomed to offer their hand-made products to anyone interested in taking a piece of beauty home.

"There are international tourists that come through Kayenta on a daily basis. They've often traveled for many miles to experience the Navajo Nation's natural beauty," concluded Watch.



*Above: The doors continually remain open during this summer's heavy tourist season. Many improvements to the Visitors' Center are attracting inquisitive travelers each week.*

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**Trash Truck continued.**

The trash collected from the transfer station is then shipped to a certified land fill at Monticello, Utah. The cost of taking the trash to the fill was usually paid for by the collection that was gathered during routine service pick-ups in Kayenta. This is the reason why the transfer station suffered little or no profit.

The current charge for trash pick up is based on a rate schedule and ideas of deciding to put bins up in areas is to reduce littering.

Since the transfer station is now able to service businesses and large bins, an increase in profit and development is very probable. It will also allow enhanced options such as recycling, rate charges, and an organized community to materialize.



## 3RD KAYENTA ECONOMIC SUMMIT & Business Expo

*“Building a Nation from the Grassroots Up”*

Kayenta Township and AZ Department  
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**Location:** Kayenta Town Hall

**Dates:** July 26-28, 2005

### Tuesday Evening, July 26

6:30 – 9:00

- Welcome Reception & Registration (at Hampton Inn)
- Hors'd'oeuvres
- Entertainment by: Toh Di Neesh Zhee' Singers

### Wednesday, July 27

8:00 – 8:15

- Welcome & Recognition of Guest(s)

8:15 – 8:30

- Traditional Prayer Ceremony

8:30 – 9:30

- Introductory Address by:  
Mr. Eugene Badonie, Chairman, Kayenta Township Commission. Topic: “Local Empowerment, the Path to Navajo Economic Prosperity”

- Gary H. Nelson, Town Manager, Kayenta Township. Topic: “The Importance of the Grassroots Communities in Navajo Nation Economics “

9:30 – 10:30

- Morning Keynote Speakers:
- Ms. Ann Kirkpatrick, Representative, District 2, Arizona State Legislature. (Confirmed) Topic: “The Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona Partnering for the Future”

\* 10:30 - 10:45 RAFFLE

- Dr. Gerald Knowles, Consultant. (Confirmed) Topic: “The Chapter and Township - Why form a County–Municipal Type Relationship and Governmental Structure?”

10:30 – 10:45

- Break

10:45 – 11:45

- Morning Keynote Speakers ... Continued

- Amy Besaw, Executive Director, Honoring Nations

- Harvard University (Confirmed) Topic: “Excellence in Tribal Governance”

- Matt Lore, Director of Communications & Education, League of AZ Cities and Towns (Confirmed), Topic: “Developing an Association of Navajo Communities to promote Economic Development.”

11:45 – 12:00

- Raffle Drawing

12:00 - 12:45

- Gilbert Jimenez, Director, AZ Department of Commerce. (Confirmed) Topic: “Forging a New Economic Relationship between the State and the Navajo Nation.

12:45 - 1:30

- \* Entertainment by:  
Radmilla Cody, Dine Recording Artist.

1:30 – 2:45

- Panel Presentations: “Doing Business with the State”

- Ken Clark, Director – Energy Office, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed)– Topic: Alternative Energy (Solar, Wind, Alternative Resources)

- Gregory J. Wiener, Business Development Manager Business Development and Attraction, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed) – Topic: “Key Elements of Business Attraction”

- Lydia Aranda,, Director – Small Business Services, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed)–Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ TBA\_\_\_\_\_.

- Ralph Gonzales, DBE Supportive Services Program Manager, ADOT (confirmed) Topic: TBA

2:45 – 3:00

- Break & RAFFLE

3:00 – 5:00

- Work Session: Questions and Answers with the Panel

6:00 – 9:00

- Dinner Keynote Speaker: Peterson Zah, Former President of the Navajo Nation (Confirmed): Topic: “What should be the Role of the Navajo Nation Government in Facilitating Greater Economic Development?”

\* Entertainment:

- Fashion Show - Native Model Studio-Larry Price
- Fashion Show - Navjajo Spirit SW Wear-Virginia
- Virginia Yazzie-Ballenger, Gallup NM
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### Thursday, July 28

8:00 – 8:15

- Welcome

8:15 – 8:30

- Opening Prayer by Invitation

8:30 – 9:30

- Introductory Address by:  
Mr. Albert Bailey, President, Kayenta Chapter. Topic: “How the Chapter and Township are Working together to Build a Local Economy”
- Mr. Albert Hale, Senator, District 2, Arizona State - Legislature. (Confirmed) Topic: “Key Native American Issues at the State Level “

9:30 – 10:30

Morning Keynote Speakers:

- Eddie Browning, State Director USDA – Rural Development. (Confirmed) Topic: “Creating Rural Economies in the Navajo Nation”
- John Bowers, Executive Director, (Confirmed) Arizona Association for Economic Development. Topic: “Facilitating Economic Development in Indian Country”

10:30 – 10:45

- Break

10:45 – 11:45

- Question and Answer Session

11:45 – 12:00

- Raffle Drawing

12:00 – 1:30

- Lunch Keynote Speaker: Richard Mike, Topic: “The Challenges of Doing Business on Indian Lands.”

- Nina Heflin, Topic: “Creating the Right Environment for Navajo Economic Development.”

1:30 – 4:30

- Panel Presentations: “Legislative and Governmental Reform – the Door to Greater Economic Opportunity.

- Jack Jackson Jr., Executive Director , Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, Topic: “Dual Taxation vs. Revenue Sharing”

- Louis Denetsosie, Attorney General, The Navajo Nation, Topic: “Making the Local Governance Act work for the Navajo People”

- Rex Knowlin, Assistant AG, State of Arizona, Topic: “State Legislative Reforms that will Enhance Tribal Economic Development”

- Work Session: “Amending State and Tribal Legislative Barriers”

- Discuss & Identify Restrictive Navajo Nation and State laws

- Establish Taskforces to Initiate and Move Amending Legislations


4:30 PM

- Closing Traditional Prayer - Adjourn Economic Summit



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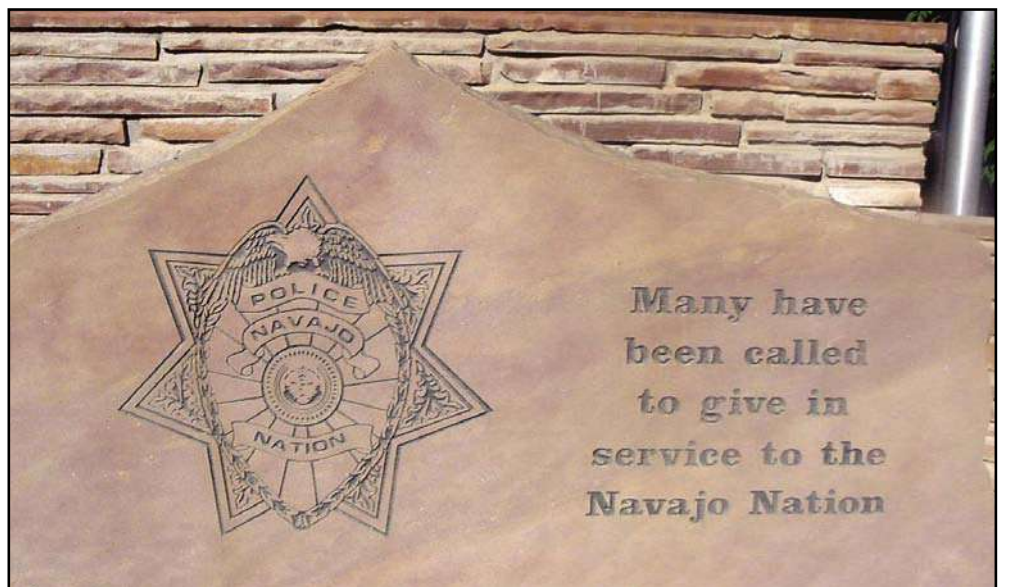
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construct a new facility includes the current operation budget with the current staff. Understandably, additional funds will be required to adequately staff the new facility.

The Navajo Nation Council appropriated \$750,000; and the Kayenta Township will match with \$750,000 to bring a total of \$1.5 million available to planning, design, architectural

planning. The Township anticipates breaking ground within a few months. A progressive town, a progressive people, Kayenta strives for a safer and healthier community.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please call or join us at the next planning meetings. Contact: **928-697-8451 or fax at: 928-697-8461**



## UPDATE: Kayenta's Public Safety Building

by Dana Leno

The surrounding communities of Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Inscription House, Kayenta, Oljato, Mexican Water, Mexican Heat, Black Mesa, Navajo Mountain, and Shonto are served by the Kayenta District Police Department. Approximately 19,500 people depend on the quick and reliable service out of the KPD. But as much as we would like to reduce crime, to see improvements in a responsive fashion, and law enforcement services centrally located, a much needed, more secured brand new building is required.


Currently there are plans to replace the current double-wide trailer, and the Kayenta

District Prosecutor's Office that recently burned down. Included in the plans are: detention center, and administration. Sloan & Associates are the architectural consultants for the project and are reviewing information for the new facility. The new public safety building will be constructed west of the current facility.


To ensure that the Kayenta Public Safety meets federal regulations, the jail will be designed to accommodate specific inmate ratio requirements of female to male and juvenile to adults. Adequate square footage will be considered to adhere to safety standards, and open areas will be restricted. The proposal to

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## TIME TO GET YOUR MOVE ON!

This year's *Just Move It Series* was a huge success as participants spanned across the Navajo Nation. The goal of the program remains the same, to educate and promote healthy living habits. Kayenta IHS Health Promotions Coordinator, Donna Leno, expressed great excitement as Kayenta was one of eight locations to host the highly

anticipated event. The evening's line-up included a Fun Walk, Fun Run, and a special Wellness on Wheels venture. Bikes were also welcome to the event.

"This is a great opportunity in promoting physical activity, it's a great program that gets people excited throughout the various Chapters," said Leno.



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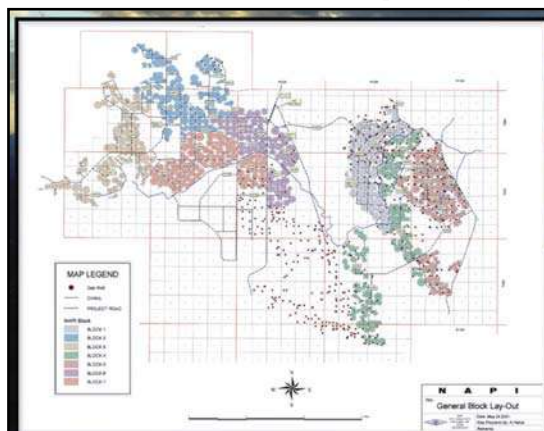
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**Top Left:** Commissioner Badonie (standing on left) takes part in this year's outdoor activities alongside IHS Health Promotions Coordinator, Donna Leno.

**Above:** Local resident, Kelly Yazzie, takes time to register himself and his child prior to taking the trek throughout Kayenta.

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