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Kayenta Ready for Field Day & July 4th

By Shonie De La Rosa

For the past six months, the staff at the Kayenta Township have been diligently preparing for the much anticipated festivities for the Kayenta Field Day and of course, the coveted Kayenta 4th of July Celebration.

Kicking off the huge list of events in Kayenta is the 2nd Annual Co-Ed Kayenta Summer Slug-Fest on June 17&18. This event will be held at the Kayenta Softball Fields located at the Kayenta Recreation Park on US Highway 163 in Kayenta. Entry fee is \$25 and T-shirts will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places, All Tourney Male & Female 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, MVP Male & Female, also \$50 gift certificates. Delbert Lee will once again be coordinating this year's softball tournament and you can contact him at (928) 225-7324 for more information on the tournament.

Next up we have Kayenta Field Day! This year the event will be held on June 24 at 10am and as usual, hosted at the Kayenta Recreation Park located on US Highway 163 in Kayenta. Kayenta Field Day is a free event and everyone is invited. It is a time when friends, family and community come together to have fun and participate in an array of field games, entertainment, food and so much more. Even the tourist stop by and join in on the fun! This year's event MC will once again be comedian James Junes. Everyone loved him when he was our MC last year, so we brought him back!

Happening alongside with Kayenta Field Day is the 4th Annual Kayenta Mud Run. This event started four years ago and has grown to be one of our largest events! "It's amazing how it just keeps getting bigger and bigger every year. Participants come from all over for this event",

states Township employee and coordinator of the event Boaz Blair. For the past four years, Boaz and his crew of workers at the Kayenta Transfer Station are tasked with the design and construction of the entire length of the course. Each year a challenging new obstacle course of mud is presented to participants to slosh, splatter and slog through.

This year's design of the course will not disappoint. The event will be held June 24 at the Kayenta Recreation Park on US Highway 163 in Kayenta, registration for the Mud Run begins at 9am and the race begins at 10am. Official Kayenta Mud Run t-shirts will be given to participants until supplies run out. For more information on the Kayenta Mud Run, contact Boaz Blair at (928) 697-8404.

Kayenta Field Day would simply not be complete without music.

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Township: No to Firearms Registration

By Shonie De La Rosa

On Monday May 8, 2017 at 5:30pm the Kayenta Township Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Among the agenda items was resolution #KTCMY-30-17 "Opposing Proposed Navajo Nation Council Legislation No. 0114-17 Amending Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code and Enacting the Navajo Nation Firearms Act". This legislation was drafted and put forth by Navajo Nation Council Delegate Davis Filfred of Aneth, UT.

The resolution was first presented to the Kayenta Township Commission at last month's regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2017 but was tabled because the Commission wanted community input on the matter. The Commission directed Kayenta Town Manager Gabriel Yazzie to hold a public meeting at the Kayenta Town Hall.

This public meeting was held at 10am on May 4, 2017 and conducted by Kayenta Town Manager Gabriel Yazzie. In attendance were community members of Kayenta, the surrounding area and other communities such as Kaibeto and Oljato.

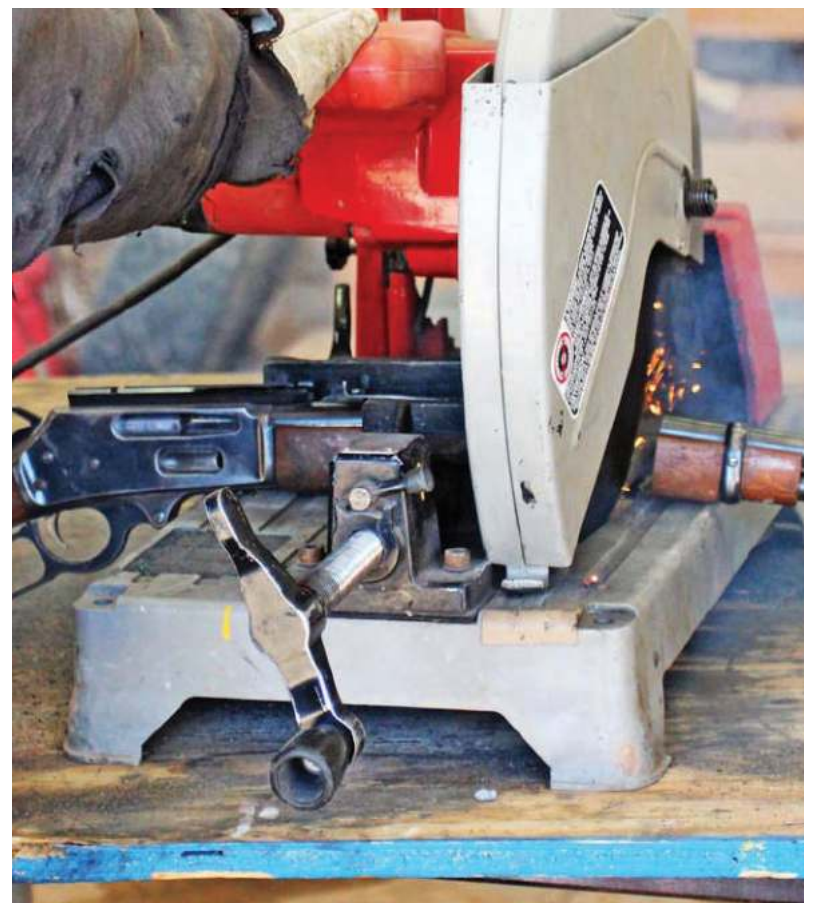
Kayenta Township Commissioner Jarvis Williams, Jodonna Hall/Ward and Rodger Grey made it a priority to be at the meeting to hear the public input. Three Navajo Nation police officers were in attendance as well.

Commissioner Hall/Ward addressed the audience first at the meeting and informed the audience that this piece of proposed legislation by Davis Filfred is very important and affects each and every firearm owner on the Navajo Nation. "We want your input on this issue so we can make the right decision for this community." Stated Ms. Hall/Ward.

Every community member that was in attendance, with the exception of the three Navajo Nation police officers, were opposed to the proposed legislation and voiced their concerns quite openly and candidly. Many stated that as responsible firearm owners they had already followed the mandatory background check when purchasing a firearm and that forcing everyone on the Navajo Nation that owned a firearm(s) to register and be put in a database is not what needs to be done to combat crime on the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Police officers in attendance justified their support of the legislation by stating that a firearms registry would help them trace a firearm(s) used in a crime to its owner much easier. This was their only justification in support of the proposed Navajo Nation legislation.

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An unclaimed firearm is destroyed by Navajo Nation Police.

Kayenta Town Manager Message

Gabriel Yazzie
Kayenta Town Manager

First of all I would like to say congratulations to the two newly appointed Township commissioners Jarvis Williams and George Sisco III. I'm definitely looking forward to working with these two leaders who have business experience, have worked on several boards and governmental agencies in and around the community of Kayenta.

This year (2017) the Kayenta Township Commission approved KTCF-10-17, which approved the Township Scholarship application policy and procedures. This is the first for the Kayenta Township and I definitely hope that this scholarship is able to help assist students who are going to college. Students are eligible to apply for this scholarship each semester, which gives students competing for this grant an opportunity to receive \$250.00 for part time students and up to \$500.00 for full time students.

We also have beautification grants which are offered to businesses and organizations in the community of Kayenta. These beautification grants are cost reimbursement

grants, which mean that the organization(s) and/or businesses that are awarded the grant can get reimbursed up to \$50,000.00 after the project is completed.

This is a huge benefit for organizations and businesses because they are able to install landscaping i.e. trees, shrubs, decorative gravel and fencing. This is a first on the Navajo Nation of its kind and we hope that one the organizations and/or businesses install the landscaping making their place of business more presentable and therefore making the community of Kayenta more attractive and welcoming to community members and tourist visiting this part of Arizona.

We are also working on a redesign and construction of the 3.4 mile bus route. If you're asking yourself where this road is, it is located south of the Kayenta Chapter house and it runs in the eastern direction towards the N.A.T.I.V.E. campus.

This road was originally funded by Navajo Department of Transportation (NDOT) back in 2010 and Township finally moved the project into construction in 2012. The road has been sitting idle for quite some



time now and we felt that it would be best that we complete this project out past the N.A.T.I.V.E. campus so the road does not deteriorate any more than it has already.

I'm in hopes that we are able to get sidewalks included with the cost of this project, so community members and students can use the sidewalk when they are out walking or exercising.

Another road project that we anticipate on getting completed this year is the road that leads to the ADOT yard. The Kayenta Township is in partnership with ADOT to do a 2 inch overlay of asphalt on this road in the coming months. ADOT plans on utilizing their man power to install the product and the Township will purchase material for the project.

We are currently heading into the summer months, which means the 4th of July activities will be ramping up soon in the coming weeks and our community will be the place to be for the 4th of July. This is a very busy time of the year for the Township staff as we try our very best to prepare the community for visitors and tourist. For a full schedule of events happening during our 4th of July celebration, please visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/kayenta.township.5 where we have all the information you will need.

I would like to remind each and every one of you this coming 4th of July to not "Drink and Drive" and to be safe as you are traveling this summer with your family. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our great community and if you would like to talk about upcoming events, projects or have concerns, my door is always open.



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Jodonna Hall/Ward, Commissioner
Ed Seaton, Commissioner



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On June 24, this year's Kayenta Music Festival will feature an assortment of rock, country, metal and traditional music. Featuring the talents of musical artists: Sage, Latigo, Rez Bound, Klee Benally, Stone Country, The Todi' Neesh Zhe'e' Singers and Ethnic De Generation. This year's lineup will satisfy your country side, your rock side and everything in-between. So bring your cowboy boots, your moccasins, sneakers and lawn chairs for a wonderful day and evening filled with music! The Kayenta Music Festival will run from 11am to 10pm and is an all-ages show. For more information call (928) 697-8451.



Eleven years ago the Kayenta Township opened the Kayenta Skate Park to the skaters and bikers within the community and its surrounding areas. Hailed as one of, if not the best skate park on the Navajo Nation, it is to no surprise that Kayenta also has the best BMX/SK8 competition on the Navajo Nation. The 11th Annual Kayenta BMX/SK8 Competition kicks off on June 24 at the Kayenta Skate Park located at the Kayenta Recreation Park on US Highway 163 in Kayenta. Registration begins at 8am and the competition begins at 11am. Trophies, t-shirts and other various awards will be given to top BMX and Skate competitors. For more information, contact Joanne Begay at (928) 429-0160 or gentleironhawk@yahoo.com

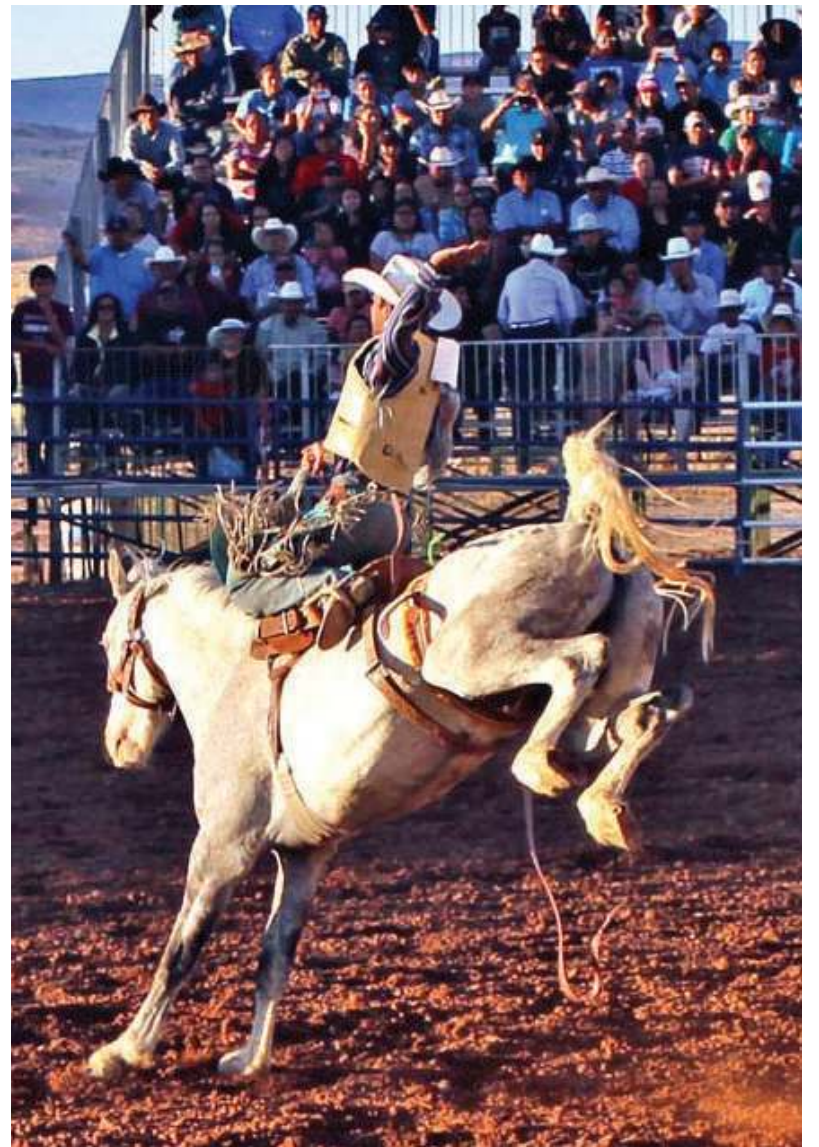


The Kayenta 4th of July Celebration over the many years has quickly become one of the premiere events in area to attend. Starting off this year's celebration is the Kayenta Hand Drum Contest, a free event in which all singers and dancers are welcome. Registration starts at 5pm and the contest begins at 6pm. Contestants will compete for hundreds of dollars in prizes! Top five singers advance to a \$500 winner takes all contest! The Hand Drum contest will be held at the Monument Valley High School Nash Center. For more information, contact Rance Redhouse at (928) 429-8041

This year the Kayenta Song and Dance will be held at the Monument Valley High School Beets Gym on June 30 & July 1. Registration begins at 9am and Grand Entry will begin at 10am. Also the scheduled to coincide with the Kayenta Song and Dance on June 30 is Kayenta Elder Day. For more information please call (928) 697-8451.

The Monument Valley Nash Center will host this year's Kayenta 4th of July Pow Wow featuring Northern Drum New Boyz and Southern Drum Big Red, Master of Ceremony Bigg JR. Keeswood, Arena Director Derrick Keeswood, Head Man Eric Watchman, Head Lady LaTanya Robinson and Head Gourd Dancer Brandon Seber. The Kayenta 4th of July Pow Wow is scheduled for June 30th & July 1st. Gourd Dancing will be on Friday at 3pm and Saturday at 10am & 5pm. Friday's Grand Entry is set for 7pm and the Grand Entry on Saturday will be at 1pm & 7pm. Admission to the Kayenta 4th of July Pow Wow will be \$2 at the door. Vendors are welcome, however, there are very limited spaces available at the cost of \$10 per day. For more information please contact Rance Redhouse at (928) 429-8041

If there is one thing that Kayenta is known for besides being the Gateway to Monument Valley, it is Rodeo. Not just any rodeo, but the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo! Whether you are a spectator or a competitor, for well over a decade the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo has been the premiere event on the Navajo Nation for the 4th of July. With thousands of dollars in prize money to be had, trophy belt buckles, saddles and a top of the line Sundowner horse trailer to the All-Around Champion on the line, the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo is an event not to miss! This year's rodeo will be held on July 2, 3 & 4 at the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds. Also available, are a very limited amount of vending spaces for food and/or arts and crafts. For more information on rodeo entry, general rodeo information or vending, please call (928) 697-8451. A complete rodeo schedule, entry forms and vending applications are also available at kayentatownship-nsn.gov or facebook.com/kayenta.township.5



What's a rodeo without a country dance or two? Well we got you more than covered! We have four, yes four country dances scheduled for you to enjoy! We have Stone Country scheduled for July 1 & 2 and Latigo on July 3 & 4! Time and admission TBA, but be sure to check out our Facebook page for the latest information on our scheduled country dances.

A 4th of July celebration just isn't complete without a parade! The Kayenta 4th of July parade is scheduled for July 4th at 10am on US Highway 163 in Kayenta. This year's theme is "United We Stand, Proudly We Serve". As usual we have awards for the best floats, 1st Place \$400, 2nd Place \$300 & 3rd Place \$200. Float entry is free and political entry is \$100. For more information please call (928) 697-8451

As you can see, our community of Kayenta will be having a lot of events going on for you all to enjoy. For the most up to date information on all our events, please visit us on line at kayentatownship-nsn.gov or facebook.com/kayenta.township.5 where we have fliers, entry forms and a full schedule of all events. Please remember that all our events are drug and alcohol free. We want everyone to enjoy our celebration events and return home safely.



Linville Laundry Demo

By Mark Joseph
Township Building Inspector

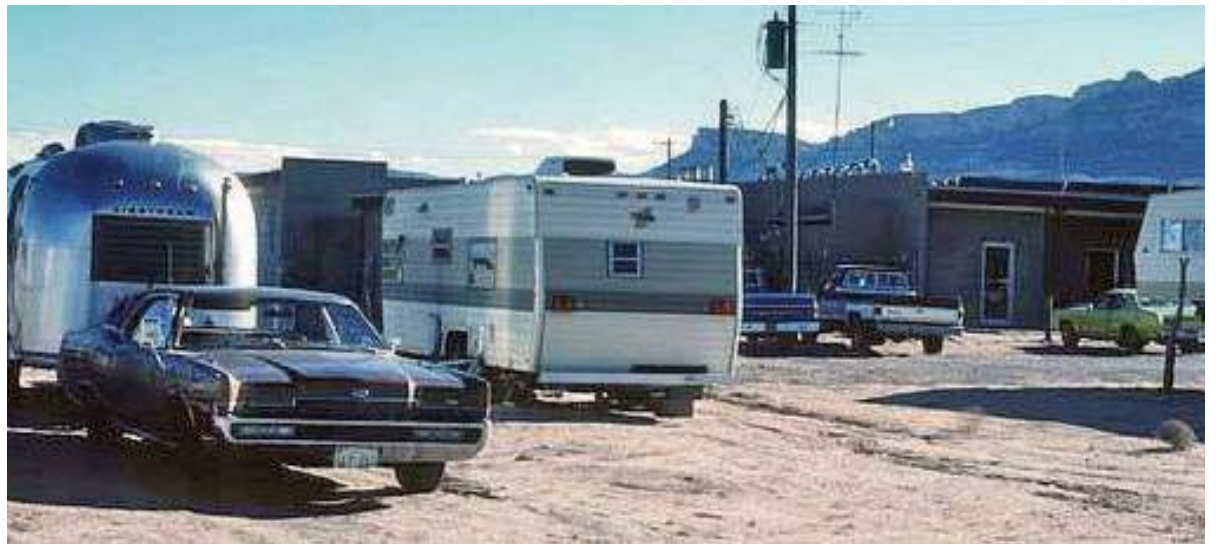
The Linville Laundromat/RV Park business thrived from about 1970 thru 2003 according to sources close to the Linville couple, Mr. and Mrs. Rex & Josephine Seaton Linville. Eventually the business would expand to include a day care center, a video store, arcade and later an auto parts store which never took root and slowly dissolved.

The facility sat idle for some time attracting vandals and unwanted illegal activity at all hours of the night as reported by neighbors and passersby. Teenage curiosity with alcohol and drugs was also beginning to take root, concerning parents and prompting phone calls to the Kayenta Township offices. Transients were also reported to have moved onto the property for shelter from the frigid weather and a camp type setting evolved in one of the buildings.

After two failed arson attempts, the Kayenta Township Commission took action to remedy the situation by resolution to demolish the facilities at a cost of \$160,000.00. The local utility companies, i.e. NTUA, Frontier, ADOT and NNEPA were procured to identify any hazardous material and to decommission all overhead/underground utilities prior to any demolition activity.

Through the Request For Proposal (RFP) process, RFP #KY300-4-01-7021, Kayenta Laundromat Demolition Project was awarded to All Nations Environmental, LLC, a Navajo owned Business to undertake the demolition of facilities on the 1 acre site.

Notice to Proceed was issued on March 20, 2017 and demolition completed on May 26, 2017. The 1 acre site is now available for entrepreneurs interested in doing business within the Township of Kayenta, considered a prime location for any type of business.



Arrowhead Engineering to Design Kayenta Township School Bus Route

By Heston Zonnie
Township Project Manager

Arrowhead Engineering Inc, a firm owned by Kayenta native Merwin Yellowhair, was selected to re-design a road project that has been stalled for some time.

The road project referred to as the "3.4 Mile Bus Route" is a bus route that was identified in the Kayenta Township Comprehensive Plan (see attached exhibit 15) as one of the planned transportation and circulation routes that would serve as a school bus route and the main arterial for future commercial and residential development. A major concern this route would help alleviate is to relieve congestion for the Kayenta Unified School District (KUSD) buses and traffic from its main entrance located along US 163. The "3.4 Mile Bus Route" project aptly named will be a 3.4 miles long paved bus route divided into two phases, I & II, and will eventually connect Kayenta's main thoroughfares US Highways 160 and 163.

Arrowhead Engineering was one of the many engineering and/or architectural design firms selected through an on-call procurement process where selection is based on merit of qualifications rather than competitive bid. Therefore competitively sealed proposals were

used versus competitively sealed bidding. Master Agreements were executed with selected firms to be on-call for the next three years with an option for additional 1 year terms following.

Kayenta Township has on-going needs for architectural and engineering services. Rather than go through a separate and timely selection process each time the need for such services arises through a project-specific advertisement and selection process, the Township can quickly contract new work through service orders. It also saves administrative time and expense involved in frequent advertising and selection processes.

Under the first service order of the on-call contract, Arrowhead Engineering is tasked with designing phase I of the 3.4 Mile Bus Route which is approximately .7 miles and starts at the existing Highway 163 near the Kayenta Chapter House and ends at the N.A.T.I.V.E school building.

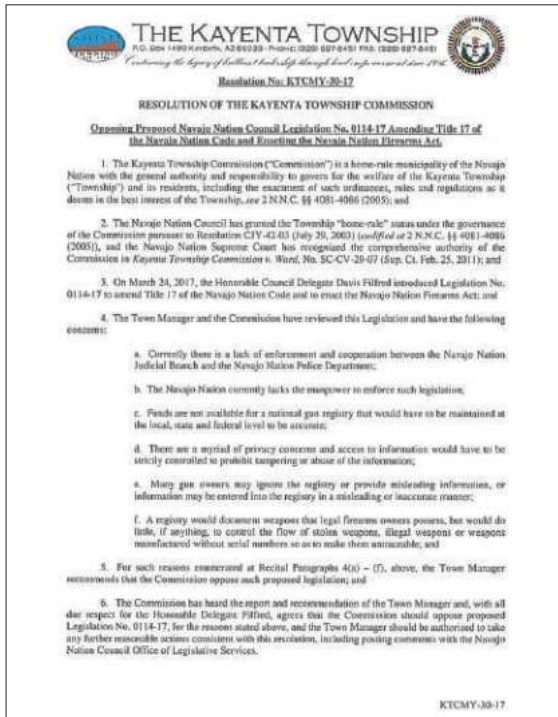
Construction is scheduled to start in August of 2017 and upon completion will allow the Kayenta Chapter, Eve's Place, Dine' Bii Association (home for disabled), and the Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education (N.A.T.I.V.E.) to have paved access to their sites.



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In attendance at the public meeting was Kayenta community member Shonie De La Rosa who is an active member of the National Rifle Association and the Arizona Rifle and Pistol Association. Shonie has stated that he will fight this legislation to the very end and people need to be educated on this very important issue. "I completely oppose this legislation. In my opinion there are more important things to worry about than registering firearms. We all know that drugs and alcohol kill far more of our people than firearms do." He further stated that, "The majority of the crimes on the Navajo Nation are drug and alcohol related and that the Navajo Nation needs to address that issue first."

A key point that Shonie De La Rosa brought up at the public meeting was the NICS (The National Instant Criminal Background Check System). Excerpt from their web site: Mandated by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 and launched by the FBI on November 30, 1998, NICS is used by Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) to instantly determine whether a prospective buyer is eligible to buy firearms. Before ringing up the sale, cashiers call in a check to the FBI or to other designated agencies to ensure that each customer does not have a criminal record or isn't otherwise ineligible to make a purchase.



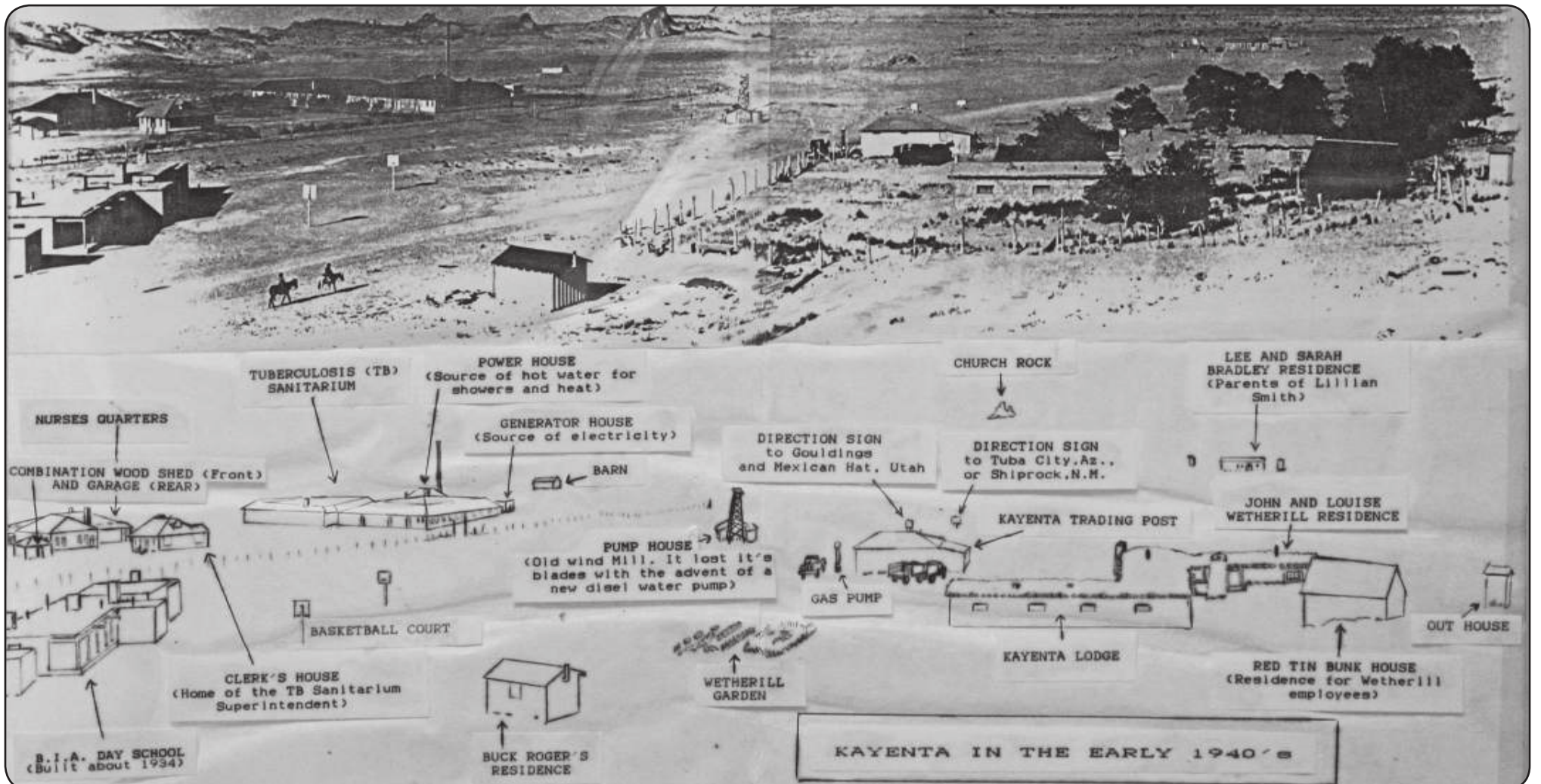
Shonie stated that local, state, county and federal agencies contribute criminal records to this NICS database and that the Navajo Nation does not contribute to the NICS database. Therefore, anyone on the Navajo Nation convicted of a crime(s) such as domestic violence, drugs, etc. that would by federal law make an individual prohibited to possess firearms could easily purchase a firearm(s) without their Navajo Nation criminal record showing up on the mandatory NICS background check. "If the Navajo Nation would contribute these criminal records to the federal

database, it would make a much better impact than the proposed firearms registration Filfred Davis has proposed to the Navajo Nation." Said Shonie.

Kayenta Town Manager Gabriel Yazzie stated, "This was a very good meeting and we received a lot of good feedback from the community about this issue. I will take the input from this public meeting to redraft the Kayenta Township resolution Opposing Navajo Nation Legislation No. 0114-17 and present it to the commission at our next meeting."

On May 8, 2017 the redrafted resolution was presented to the Kayenta Township Commission at their regular scheduled monthly meeting. Kayenta Township resolution #KTCMY-30-17 passed that evening with a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

"This is the first step in fighting this very important issue. Now that the Kayenta Township has passed this resolution opposing Filfred's proposed legislation, everyone on the Navajo Nation needs to encourage their community leaders to do the same and pass resolutions in their chapters opposing this legislation." Said Shonie.



Mustangs Athletics *Kayenta Arizona 4th of July* 

POWOW

Monument Valley Mustangs Nash Center

NORTHERN DRUM *June 30th & July 1st* SOUTHERN DRUM

New Boyz **Big Red**

Master of Ceremony
Bigg Jr Keeswood
Arena Director
Derrick Keeswood
Head Man
Eric Watchman
Head Lady
LaTanya Robinson
Head Gourd Dancer
Brandon Seber

Specials
Chicken Dance TBA
Womens Jingle
Gourd Dance

Fri. 3pm - Sat. 10am & 5pm
Grand Entry
Fri. 7pm - Sat. 1pm & 7pm

4th of July *Vendors Welcome Limited space \$10 per day*

Audio Chief **Contest in all Categories** **Drum Contest** **\$2 Admission** 

The powwow committee, M.V.H.S. and Kayenta township are not responsible for any injuries, damages or stolen items. This is a drug free event. more info contact Rance Redhouse 928-429-8041

KAYENTA FIELD DAY

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BXM/SK8 COMPETITION!

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LOTS OF FIELD GAMES FOR ALL AGES!

4TH ANNUAL MUD RUN!

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JUNE 24, 2017 KAYENTA RECREATION PARK 11AM - 10PM
FREE EVENT ALL AGES

UNDERWORLD PRODUCTIONS *SPONSORED BY* 

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Western Junior Rodeo Association SANCTIONED EVENT

KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY OPEN JUNIOR RODEO

July 1, 2017 at 8:00am
Kayenta Rodeo Grounds, Kayenta AZ

MIDGET	PEEWEE	JUNIOR	SR. GIRLS	SR. BOYS
DIVISION	DIVISION	DIVISION	DIVISION	DIVISION
3-6 Year Old	7-10 Year Old	11-14 Year Old	15-18 Year Old	15-18 Year Old
Wooly Riding	Steer Riding	Bull Riding	Breakaway Roping	Bull Riding
Goat Tagging	Breakaway Roping	Breakaway Roping	Barrel Racing	Saddle Bronc Riding
Flag Racing	Barrel Racing	Barrel Racing	Goat Tying	Bareback Riding
Barrel Racing	Pole Bending	Goat Tying	Pole Bending	Tie Down Roping
	Goat Tying	Pole Bending	Ribbon Roping Runner	Chute Dogging
		Team Roping X2	Team Roping X2	Ribbon Roping
				Team Roping X2
\$14.00 per event	\$14.00 per event	\$16.00 per event	\$20.00 per event	\$20.00 per event


AWARDS

- *Hi-Money Boy and Girl All Around Saddles
- *Division All Around IPADS
- *Event Champions BEX SUNGLASSES

ADMIN FEE:

- \$20.00 per MEMBER
- \$30.00 for NON MEMBER

Entry Information: Pre-Entry only, no entries will be taken on day of rodeo. Mail-in entries to Yolanda Moreno PO Box 3057 Kayenta, AZ 86033, postmarked by June 23. Walk-in entries on June 30 2017 at Kayenta Township from 12:00pm to 4:00pm with a 10.00 late fee. For entry information, contact WJRA CES Yolanda Moreno at (928) 401-1044 or www.wjra.org

Rodeo sponsors will not be held liable for any damages, accidents, or thefts that occur before, during, or after the rodeo.

NGS Should Continue Operations

By *Jarvis Williams*
Kayenta Township Commissioner

Speaker Lorenzo Bates recently introduced Legislation 0194-17, which aims to keep the operations of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) continuing until 2054. Any continued operations after 2019 is considered a monumental challenge but for many the continued operations of NGS is a necessity. As an elected leader for the community of Kayenta the continued operations of NGS is a priority for me. The Kayenta Mine is located 30 miles from the town of Kayenta and is the only customer for the Navajo Generating Station. It sustains over 400 good paying jobs and provides over \$118 million to the region and the state. Additionally, the Kayenta Mine contributes \$400,000 annually in scholarships and supplies numerous community benefits to the Navajo people such as coal to heat homes, potable water and maintenance of 173 miles of roads in and around the mine lease area.

The Navajo Nation Council now has the opportunity to make the right decision for the Navajo Nation with the approval of Legislation 0194-17. It cannot be stressed enough that the economic impact of the closure of NGS is enormous for all those in the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and the entire state of Arizona. The Hopi Tribe could lose 85% of its operating budget and the Navajo Nation would be out of 22% of its general revenue.

Should we be concerned that a billion dollar organization seemingly decided on a whim to close up shop and leave? YES, we should be very concerned! For this billion dollar organization, the movement to close NGS is just a small part of the overall plan to move towards an historically unstable energy resource, natural gas. For many years, utility customers could rely on fair utility rates because coal energy offered stability and low prices. For our region, coal provided much needed employment and royalties to the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe.

This move by the owners of NGS is concerning because while everyone was under the assumption that the 2013 approved lease was ready for signature by the Dept. of Interior. This organization decided in Dec. 2016 to notify the Navajo Nation that the partners had yet to sign and they had six months to modify the lease to keep NGS operating. Why wait 4 years to deliver that information? Those new developments sent a message that the owners of NGS wanted to end their relationship with a region of the state that has provided a stable energy resource and a plethora of eligible workers. They seem oblivious to that fact that their decision would have a detrimental impact on the people of this region should NGS close its doors. They claim that it has become uneconomical and not profitable. By the looks of it, their \$2.7 billion passive attitude seems to imply that they want to further destabilize the utility rates in the state of Arizona by investing in a product that has been historically erratic. It doesn't make sense.

In the sports world, a coach values consistency because the team can depend on that athlete or team to perform at a certain level in each contest. Inconsistency creates more challenges for the team and the coach. So here is my analogy of this issue to help me better understand what is going on. There is an energy team made up of coal, natural gas, wind, nuclear, solar power and hydropower. To this point, the energy team has been doing okay however in the last few years the energy team has taken on new members. Wind, solar and natural gas were added because the athletic director said so. We aren't clear why that was done since they haven't shown to be valuable contributors in the past. So some years pass and the new additions received some additional help to get better however coal, hydro and nuclear are still the consistent, reliable team members. After a few years, team members; solar, wind and natural gas get better but still not consistent contributors.

The parents and family members of wind, solar and natural gas complain to the athletic director for more playing time. So the coach makes the decision to bench coal to give the new team members some playing time. For a few games, natural gas shows some improvement but still not consistent while wind and solar still struggle. A new coach arrives and decides that consistency is best move to bring the team back to their former success.

In the end, championship teams are made with consistent players that contribute valuable minutes to the team. Not that wind, solar and natural gas are bad players they are just inconsistent and will always need valuable contributions of coal, hydro and nuclear. Benching or cutting your most consistent players don't produce champions. Recently, the coal miners of Kayenta Mine decided to let their voice be heard and attended the Bureau of Reclamation's Listening Sessions in Phoenix, Page, Kykotsmovi and Window Rock, AZ. They talked with an honesty and candor that captured the intent of the of their eagerness to keep their livelihoods. It was truthful and emotional to say the least. Coal miners are valuable contributors to their families, to the Navajo Nation and to the State of Arizona. We should not forget that they are the hard working individuals that only want to provide the valuable opportunities for their families that coal mining offers. Their jobs helped raise children that are now doctors, nurses, paramedics, coaches, teachers and other valuable contributors to society.

Their statements reminded me of a difficult period in my community. I had arrived back in my hometown following the closure of Black Mesa Mine as a high school teacher. This was the sister mine to Kayenta Mine on Black Mesa that transported coal using a slurry to the Mojave Generating Station for a number of years and closed. I could see the impact on the students with their struggles in the classroom. For some students it was a difficulty in comprehension or attentiveness and for others it was a disconnect that was hard to recognize. Whether it was due to the lack of sleep, disinterest or an increased need to fill a void spurred by a single parent household, the students seemed to have been impacted in some way by the closure of the mine. Those challenges brought up the struggles at home, a result of single parent homes as the breadwinners had to find work away from their families. It was certainly an uncomfortable topic to discuss however it was an indication of the many workers that had lost their jobs at the mine. The jobs that once provided security and kept the family unit together was now lost.

For the Navajo Nation, the closure of Black Mesa Mine meant a loss of significant revenue and caused a huge adjustment in their government budget to serve the Navajo people. For the Hopi Tribe it was loss of over 50% of annual revenue to the tribe, which resulted in a significant blow to their daily operations and a decrease in services to their tribal members.

Looking back in remembrance of the hardships that the closure of the mine created I am very confident that our elected leaders will make the right decision and vote to keep the Navajo Generating Station in operation. I believe they will take into account the abrupt decision by the owners of NGS to close the plant leaving the Navajo Nation and its people in a bad position. Certainly, not the good neighbor relationship that we had thought we had built over the last 40 years. The decision by the Navajo Nation Council regarding the continuation of NGS will be made before the end of June. If there was a time to contact your leadership and discuss the importance of continuing the operations of NGS that time is now! There is another generation of young miners that are eager to work and provide for their families. For the Navajo Nation government the continuation of NGS is an opportunity to continue the valuable services for the Navajo people and to plan the next economic venture that will bring more jobs and revenue.



11TH ANNUAL BMX-SK8 COMPETITION

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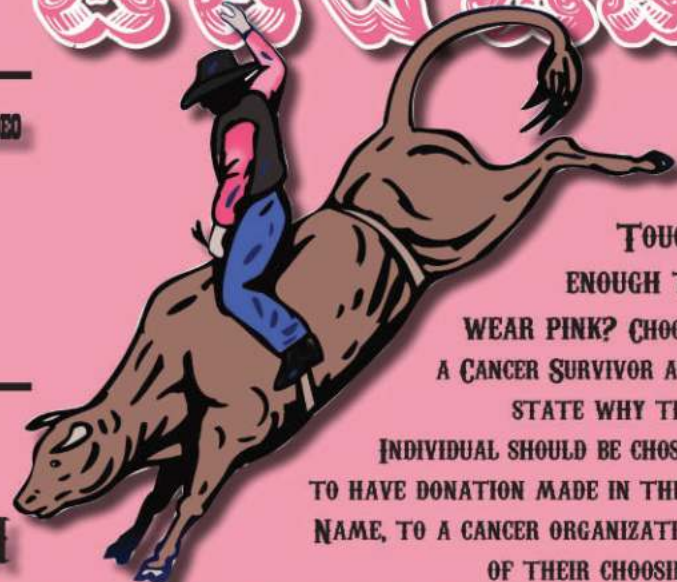
TO WEAR



AT THE
KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY RODEO

TUESDAY
JULY
4TH

\$500
DONATION



TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK? CHOOSE A CANCER SURVIVOR AND STATE WHY THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE CHOSEN TO HAVE DONATION MADE IN THEIR NAME, TO A CANCER ORGANIZATION OF THEIR CHOOSING.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 23RD BY THE END OF THE BUSINESS DAY. PLEASE SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION STATING THE REASON FOR YOUR CHOICE TO THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP OFFICE C/O NORTHBEAR FRAGUA, RECREATION COORDINATOR. SELECTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE FINAL PERFORMANCE OF THE 4TH OF JULY RODEO.

4TH ANNUAL MUD RUN

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JUNE 24TH 2017 KAYENTA REC PARK

REGISTRATION 9AM RACE STARTS 10AM
FREE EVENT AND TSHIRTS TO PARTICIPANTS
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 520.265.2191

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Monument Valley Mustangs Nash Center

All SINGERS & DANCERS WELCOME

FREE

Hand Drum Contest

June 29th 2017

16 AND UP
ONE MAN
CONTEST

1st \$200
2nd \$175
3rd \$150
4th \$125
5th \$100

SWEETHEART
CONTEST

1st \$150
2nd \$125
3rd \$100

Kayenta Arizona

Registration 5pm

Contest 6pm

16 & UP CONTEST
3 ROUNDS 3 GOOD SONGS
TOP 5 SINGERS ADVANCE TO \$500 WINNER TAKES ALL CONTEST
THROUGHOUT THE POWWOW

The powwow committee, M.V.H.S. and Kayenta township are not responsible for any injuries, damages or stolen items. This is a drug free event. more info contact Rance Redhouse 928-429-8041

KAYENTA FIELD DAY & 4TH OF JULY EVENT SCHEDULE

2nd Annual Co-Ed Kayenta Summer Slug-Fest

June 17&18

8am to Sundown

Kayenta Softball Fields

T-shirt Awards to:

1st, 2nd, 3rd

All Tourney M&F 1st, 2nd, 3rd

MVP Male & Female

\$50.00 Gift Certificate

\$25.00 Entry Fee

For More Information: Delbert Lee (928) 225-7324

Kayenta Field Day

June 24, 2017

10am – 4pm

Kayenta Recreation Park

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

4th Annual Kayenta Mud Run

June 24, 2017

Kayenta Recreation Park

9am Registration

10am Start of Race

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

Kayenta Music Festival

June 24, 2017

11am to 10 pm

Free Event & All-Ages

Kayenta Recreation Park

Featuring: Sage, Latigo, Testify, Rez Bound, Klee Benally, Stone Country,

Todi' Neesh Zhe'e' Singers & Ethnic De Generation

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

11th Annual BMX/SK8 Competition

June 24, 2017

Kayenta Skate Park

8am Registration

11am Competition

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

Kayenta Hand Drum Contest

June 29, 2017

MVHS Nash Center

Registration 5pm

Contest 6pm

Information Rance Redhouse (928) 429-8041

Kayenta Elder Day

June 30, 2017

10am to 3pm

MVHS Beets Gym

For more information: (928) 697-5677

Kayenta Song & Dance

June 30 & July 1, 2017

MVHS Beets Gym

Registration 9am

Grand Entry 10am

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

Kayenta 4th of July Pow Wow

June 30 & July 1, 2017

MVHS Nash Center

Gourd Dance Friday 3pm and Saturday 10am & 5pm

Grand Entry Friday 7pm and Saturday 1pm & 7pm

Vendors Welcome \$10 per day

Information Rance Redhouse (928) 429-8041

Concession Booths Available for Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo

July 2, 3 and 4, 2017

8 spaces available for Food and/or Arts and Crafts

\$500.00 Fee

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

Kayenta 4th of July Parade

Theme: United We Stand, Proudly We Serve"

July 4th, 2017

10am on US Highway 163

Awards for Best Floats: 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451

Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo

July 2, 3 & 4, 2017

Kayenta Rodeo Grounds

Country Dances: July 1 & 2 – Stone Country July 3 & 4 – Latigo

Fireworks Show July 4 at 10pm

For more information: kayentatownship-nsn.gov or (928) 697-8451



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KAYENTA ELDER DAY

JUNE 30TH, 2017 - 10^{AM} TO 3^{PM} - MVHS BEETS GYM

SONG AND DANCE

JUNE 30TH & JULY 1ST, 2017 - MVHS BEETS GYM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (928) 697-5677

REGISTRATION 9AM
GRAND ENTRY 10AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (928) 697-8451



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COUNTRY DANCE

9PM JULY 3RD & 4TH

KAYENTA RODEO GROUNDS

KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

THIS YEARS THEME
"UNITED WE STAND, PROUDLY WE SERVE"
 KAYENTA, AZ July 4th, 2017
 10am on US. HWY 163



AWARDS FOR BEST FLOATS
 1ST \$400
 2ND \$300
 3RD \$200

REGISTRATION IS FREE
 -POLITICAL \$100-

PARADE BEGINS AT 10 AM - LINEUP AT KAYENTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT KAYENTA TOWNSHIP OFFICE OR

WWW.KAYENTATOWNSHIP-NSN.GOV

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2ND ANNUAL CO-ED

KAYENTA SUMMER SLUG-FEST

KAYENTA SOFTBALL FIELDS
 JUNE 17 & 18, 2017



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FOR INFO
 DELBERT LEE
 (928) 225-7324

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8AM TO SUNDOWN

T-SHIRT AWARDS TO

1ST, 2ND & 3RD

ALL TOURNNEY M&F 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

MVP MALE & FEMALE

\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

\$25 ENTRY FEE

COUNTRY DANCE

STONE COUNTRY

NINEPM JULY 1ST & 2ND KAYENTA RODEO GROUNDS

KAYENTA 4TH OF JULY RODEO

JULY 2, 3 & 4, 2017 - KAYENTA RODEO GROUNDS

MAJOR EVENTS

EVENT	LIMIT	FEE	ADDED
BAREBACK	20	\$120	\$2000
SADDLE BRONC	20	\$120	\$2000
BULL RIDING	20	\$120	\$2000
CALF ROPING	NO LIMIT	\$120	\$2000
STEER WRESTLING	NO LIMIT	\$120	\$2000
TEAM ROPING*	NO LIMIT(2X)	\$240	\$4000
BARREL RACING	NO LIMIT	\$120	\$2000
BREAKAWAY ROPING	NO LIMIT	\$120	\$2000

RODEO STOCK FEE INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE
 TEAM ROPING*: MUST RECEIVE ENTRY FEE FOR BOTH HEADER & HEELER
 BULL RIDERS: ONE GO FORMAT

MINOR EVENTS

EVENT	LIMIT	FEE	ADDED
JR. BARREL RACING	NO LIMIT	\$85	\$200
JR. BULL RIDING	NO LIMIT	\$85	\$200
45+SR. BREAKAWAY	NO LIMIT	\$85	\$200
#9 INCENTIVE TEAM ROPING	NO LIMIT(2X)	\$170	\$400
JR. BREAKAWAY	NO LIMIT	\$85	\$200

RODEO STOCK FEE INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE
 ALL MINOR EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING SLACK
 15YRS & YOUNGER FOR JR. EVENTS - MUST PROVIDE BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR PROOF OF AGE

ENTRY INFORMATION

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 1/4 NATIVE AMERICAN DECENT
 PROOF OF NATIVE AMERICAN DECENT MAY BE REQUESTED
 ABSOLUTELY NO CALL IN ENTRIES
 LAST TO ENTER 1ST TO PERFORM
 ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE - WWW.KAYENTATOWNSHIP-NSN.GOV
 MAIL ENTRIES OPEN MARCH 1, 2017
 CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
 THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP P.O. BOX 1490 KAYENTA, AZ 86033
 CALL BACKS JUNE 26, 2017
 WWW.KAYENTATOWNSHIP-NSN.GOV
 EMAIL: CHOLIDAY@KAYENTATOWNSHIP-NSN.GOV
 WALK-IN ENTRY:
 JUNE 12 to 16, 2017 8am - 5pm : THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP
 MAY 4, 2017 3pm - 7pm: WINDOW ROCK, AZ @ NAVAJO INN
 MAY 5, 2017 10am - 6pm: CHINLE, AZ @ HOLIDAY INN
 JUNE 8, 2017 11am - 6pm: SHIPROCK, NM @ AL CHARLIE ARENA
 JUNE 9, 2017 11am - 6pm: TUBA CITY, AZ @ HOGAN RESTAURANT

Roughstock
 Monroe & Sons Rodeo Co.
 Page, AZ

Bulls
 Laughter Buckin' Bulls
 Shonto, AZ

Timed Event Cattle
 ZD Cattle Company
 Herriman, UT

SPONSORS



PERFORMANCES

SUNDAY JULY 2, 2017
 8^{AM} SLACK
 7:30^{PM} 1ST PERFORMANCE

MONDAY JULY 3, 2017
 8^{AM} **SLACK IF NEEDED**
 7:30^{PM} 2ND PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY JULY 4TH, 2017
 1^{PM} 3RD PERFORMANCE
 "TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK NIGHT"
 7:30^{PM} FINAL PERFORMANCE

AWARDS

TROPHY SADDLES - MAJOR EVENT WINNERS
 BELT BUCKLES - MINOR EVENT WINNERS
 ALL-AROUND CHAMPION - 3 HORSE SLANT TRAILER
 SPONSORED BY BURGER KING & HAMPTON INN

E&W DANCES

SATURDAY JULY 1, 2017 @ 9^{PM} - STONE COUNTRY
 SUNDAY JULY 2, 2017 @ 9^{PM} - STONE COUNTRY
 MONDAY JULY 3, 2017 @ 9^{PM} - LATIGO
 TUESDAY JULY 4, 2017 @ 9^{PM} - LATIGO

FIREWORKS

TUESDAY JULY 4, 2017 @ 10^{PM}
 SPONSORED BY THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP

OPEN JR. RODEO

WESTERN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION
 SATURDAY JULY 1, 2017
 CONTACT: YOLANDA MORENO
 (928) 401-1044
 WWW.WJRA.COM

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