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Township Joins EPA Work Group at Denver National Tribal Green Building Codes Summit

By Malcolm Benally

DENVER, CO – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hosted an historic summit of tribal leaders on June 23-24, 2011, who met in round table discussions with federal agencies, non-profit and academic representatives; architects; and lawyers in Denver, CO at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency office. Philbert Tso, Building Official within the Kayenta Township's Building & Safety department attended the work group discussion at the summit.

Due to the difficulties of implementing such a monumental task, the term "the built environment" has been an industry term that is being used more and more to distinguish this EPA program from mineral extraction, power plant issues, etc.

Through Philbert's work outreach and advocacy, the Kayenta Township was acknowledged by the Environment Protection Agency for adopting the international green construction codes into its local ordinances. By doing this, the town takes the lead in finding ways to preserve and practice wise stewardship of local natural resources.

The Native American Technology Institute for Vocational Education class and training center which is scheduled to open in October 2011 will be the first building in Kayenta to comply with the standards that are set forth in the green codes.

During the round table discussions in Denver, Colorado, the National Tribal Building Codes Summit was the first to bring together tribal and federal leaders to advance green building code development and was organized by the recently developed national Tribal Green Building Codes Workgroup.

The Tribal Green Building Codes Workgroup consists of more than 50 representatives. The Workgroup is committed to providing support and technical assistance for tribes interested in adopting green and culturally-appropriate building codes, standards, and, or developing tribe-specific systems to ensure safe, sustainable, affordable, and culturally-appropriate buildings on tribal lands.









Monument Valley High School Celebrates its Homecoming

By Malcolm Benally

Friday night, the Monument Valley Mustangs had parking filled from the east side of Student Activity Center and all three of the school's parking lots, so people could go and watch the Homecoming game with the Monument Valley Mustangs hosting the Tuba City Warriors. And, as soon as the final score of 45 to 6 appeared on the score board late in the third quarter, the night essentially belonged to the Monument Valley High School seniors.

During the day, the Homecoming Parade theme "Protect This House" provided the main decor to over 90 parade entries this year, which featured the 2012 Miss Navajo Nation Crystaline Curley who walked the close to two mile parade route smiling and received cheers from the capacity crowd who watched the Friday afternoon parade.

As each parade entry passed the message down Main Street on U.S. Highway 163, the children as well as adult alike, scrambled over free prizes

of gum, candy, bottled water, caps, and various promotional items from parade entrants.

Later in the afternoon, when all the local employees left their work at 5:00 pm, the Monument Valley Agriculture Center hosted a Free Barbeque Dinner and Tailgate party just outside at the entrance to the Monument Valley Football Stadium. Word got around during the parade that Clyde McBride had butchered two goats for the evening's festivities, to help fundraise for Continued on page 3

Flintco, Inc. Gets Ready to Complete Phase One of Construction for Kayenta Hospital

By Malcolm Benally

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KAYENTA, AZ - Since Flintco, Inc. first began construction work on the new Kayenta Hospital on March 07, 20100, a lot of progress has been made in building up the entire infrastructure in addition to installing two 500,000 gallon tanks. Now, the two story hospital is well on its way to finishing up the metal structural framework that is divided on blueprint maps into sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. Each of the areas in the blue print map (blueprint on page 11) captures a main corridor of the hospital such as the waiting room, lobby area, adult care unit, pharmacy, etc.

As of September 2011, Flintco, Inc. is completing all its infrastructure construction work. Testing of the sewer line, water line, fire line, and structure utilities are now fully tested. Steel framework erection and setting up the concrete foundations for all areas of the building is the final work that needs to be done for Phase One of construction. Now that the structural framework is near completion, people can now begin to get an idea of what the two story building will actually look like.

As the structural steel framework takes its final form in the month of October, Phase One of the project will also begin to downsize its workforce only to get ready for Phase Two of construction. As of press time, Flintco, Inc has outlined its scope of work for the month of October in the following order of priority: 1.) Miscellaneous concrete placements, grout, pedestals, slab on deck, cooling tower piping supports, canopy foundations, stair support foundations, generator pads, slab on grade placements;

- 2.) Electrical underground feeder rough-in and terminations at gear/panels of main electrical rooms;
- 3.) Plumbing underground fine-tuning and adjustments for slab on grade placements; 4.) Grouting of column base plates in areas: C, B, and A; 5.) Form/place of column pedestals in areas: F, C, B, and A;
- 6.) Continue structural steel erection of areas: C, B, and A; 7.) Placement of decking at roof areas: D, E, and F; 8.) Rough grading of Subgrade to elevation in areas: D, E, and F; and 9.) Start electrical underground branch rough-in areas: G and D.





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Andre Cordero, Town Manager

Andre Cordero is Ta'neeszhah'nii, the Tangled clan born for Nakaii Dine'e, Mexican people. His grandparents are Ashiihi, Salt clan and his maternal grandparents are Anglo. His mother's name is Sarah Louise Rocha and his father is the late Andre Cordero. As a graduate of Monument Valley High School, he obtained a political science degree in Political Science from Arizona State University.



Carol Todecheene, Chairperson

Carol Todecheene, a life long resident of Kayenta, AZ, is one of the elected Kayenta Township Commissioners. She was born in Gouldings, Utah. Carol is Dził Natohnii Tachii'nii, Mountain Tobacco Red Streak Running Into Water clan born for Todichii'nii, the Bitter Water clan. Her maternal grandparents are Bit'ahnii, Within His Cover people. Her paternal grandparents are Kinyaa'aanii, Tow-



Delores Greyeyes, Vice-Chairperson

Delores Greyeyes, originally from Black Mesa, AZ, is one of the elected Kayenta Township Commissioners. She is Bitter Water born for Near To Water, her maternal grandparents are Ashiihi, the Salt Clan. The Bit'ahnii, Within His Cover people are her maternal grandparents.



Helen Bonnaha, Commissioner

Helen Bonnaha is Bit'ahnii, Within His Cover people born for Tsénahabiłnii, Sleeping Rock clan. Her maternal grandparents are Tł'izi Láni, the Many Goats. Kinyaa'aanii, the Towering House people are her paternal grandparents. She has been a life long resident of Kayenta, AZ.



Rodger Grey, Commissioner

Rodger Grey has been a resident of Kayenta, AZ for over 35 years. He was raised within the Dennehotso and Lukachukai area. He is Nakaii Dine'e, Mexican clan born for the Kinyaa'aanii, the Towering House people. His paternal grandparents are Bitah'nii, Within His Cover clan and his maternal grandparents are Anglo.



Andre Cordero Takes the Lead as Town Manager for the Kayenta Township

By Malcom Benally

KAYENTA, AZ - The Kayenta Township has a new Town Manager, Andre Cordero, who officially started work on September 07, 2011. Before coming on board, Mr. Cordero was the General Manager at Frontier Communication in Window Rock, Arizona. Kayenta is his hometown.

Andre Cordero is Ta'neeszhah'nii, the Tangled clan born for Nakaii Dine'e, Mexican people. His grandparents are Ashiihi, Salt clan and his maternal grandparents are Anglo. His mother's name is Sarah Louise Rocha and his father is the late Andrew Cordero.

As a graduate of Monument Valley High School, he obtained a political science degree in Political Science from Arizona State University. He worked as the General Manager for Frontier Communications (Navajo Communications Company) in Window Rock, AZ until he became the Town Manager of Kayenta. Andre has many interests, but mainly he likes to read books and enjoys playing Volleyball in his free time.



Town Manager Andre Cordero touring the new IHS Hospital with a Flintco, INC. representative.

The new Town Manager, Andre cordially invites everyone to attend the Kayenta Township meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm.

As a team, the Kayenta Township administration and the Kayenta Township Commission believe you will be heartened by our dedication to the welfare of our shared community.

KAYENTA RECREATION CENTER

2011-12 FACILITY USEAGE FEES

Country and Western Dance	\$400
Song and Dance/Pow-Wow	\$250
Christmas Eve	\$700
New Years Eve	\$700
Valentines Day	\$700
Memorial Day	\$700
Hip Hop Dances	\$250
Health,Career Fairs, and Job Fairs	\$25 per table
Birth parties/Graduations	\$100
Non-Profit Sponsored Public Events	\$150
Administrative and Professional Meetings	\$125

A customer interested in using the Kayenta Recreation Center can follow these instructions to host a public event, a meeting, a professional training event, or a dance.

A staff of two employees, a recreation leader and a recreation leader assistant, operate the center year around. One of these employees can assist you during the event if you need help. First, you need to visit the Kayenta Township Main Office., 1/3mile North U.S. Highway 163 in Kayenta, AZ. All your preparation for the event must be documented by the Kayenta Township, including a copy of your sign-in sheets, event flyers, application, and receipts of payment:

- 1. Fee payments are made at the Township Finance Department located at our main office.
- 2. Ask for a Kayenta Recreation Center facility use agreement form to secure your event.
- 3. Make sure the date of the event that is requested has not been taken by another person.
- 4. The date of the event should be at least two weeks away or more.
- 5. As soon as the customer can provide a flier of the event, inform them that they need to make sure this information is written on each flyer: "This is a Drug-Free Event. We Are Not Responsible for loss, theft, injuries, or damage to personal property."
- 6. Fill out the facility use application and have it witnessed by the Finance Department or an employee of the Kayenta Township.
- 7. A commercial liability insurance must cover your event in case of any damages or loss of equipment or
- 8. Your fee payment for the event must match the name on your commercial insurance.
- 9. Any cost sharing events or agreements made between the Kayenta Township needs to fill out the public event report in Appendix A of this document.
- 10. The Recreation Leader needs a copy of your receipt of payment for facility use, and he/she will help you with your event.

NO REFUNDS.Fees will not be waived. Partial payments will not be accepted. The Kayenta Township Commission, including all associates and employees assumes no liability for loss, damage to property, any kind of injury or accident. All other questions about fees and payments should be directed to the Kayenta Township Finance Department, (928) 697-8451.



Kayenta Town Manager Andre Cordero with 2012 Miss Navajo Nation Crystaline Curley at the Kayenta Township Office.

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the first ever Kayenta Chapter Future Farmers of America Scholarship Fund. Although the BBQ dinner was free, the FFA group, who were present at the tailgate party took donations and brought in about \$150 for the scholarship fund and served about 350 people. The goal, they told everyone, is to give out at least two \$500 scholarships by the end of the year.

"What I like about the Homecoming is that everyone comes together from the schools and the community each year, and people just have a good time. I've been here for several years now, and I still get excited every time Homecoming festivities come around," says Mr. Clyde McBride.

The Senior Class came through in style on a white semi-truck pulling a flatbed that followed the theme for Protect This House, featuring a field goal, a Hogan, and a Mustang scene. The west end of the Hogan read "Protect this Hall." The Senior class also applauded its Lady Mustangs and were definitely contenders for the 1st place prize that was offered by the Kayenta Township for the best float category.

A lot of floats featured a Hogan as a part of the Monument Valley High

School theme for the parade. Mustangs also became a prominent theme as the Mustangs alone have brought as much prosperity to the community and the Navajo people as Kayenta marks its 102nd year as an established community.

Even Clyde McBride's son Travis McBride, 4, rode a horse alone during the parade Friday starting on a cool 76 degree heat around 1:00 pm. "This is his second Homecoming Parade that he rode the 22 year old Mustang horse named Bucky", Mr. McBride explained.

So, there were plenty of ways to look at the floats that entered Friday's parade: it was all about home, the Mustangs, and a song and dance for the Tuba City warriors. Eventually, the judges for the parade chose four entrees as the prize winners. Town Manager, Andre Cordero read the winning tally during the Homecoming Half-Time intermission, and announced that the Narrow Canyon Field Day entry was the First place winner. Marie Slim's Cultural Center at Monument Valley High School took Second Place, and Young's Trail Riding Group came in third place. Fourth place honors went the active Kayenta Middle School Football Team, who did football prac

tice drills as they marched through the parade.

Other highlights featured a visit from Miss Navajo Nation 2012 Crystaline Curley who visited the Kayenta Township staff just before noon and to chat with everyone. Curley, 25, of Fish Point, Arizona, is the daughter of Marilyn and Ray Curley. She is Tsenjikini (Cliff Dweller Clan), born for To'aheedliinii (Water Flowing Together Clan). Her maternal and paternal grandfathers are Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House Clan). She is the eldest of five children, and her siblings include Lisa, Cheryl, Leander and Rayenna.

Much to the glee and inspiration of the Mustang Spiritlocal Navajo Code Talker Samuel Holiday, age 98 also walked in the parade.

A total of 57 parade entries rode a horse, a Mustang, usually. The horse-back riders came as women, men, and Children who gave the parade a family atmosphere. Along with Miss Navajo, 168 people walked, and 14 people rode their bicycles in the parade.

A long with an overwhelming victory Friday night for the Monument Valley Mustangs, it seems like the capacity crowd who came in for a good time got their monies worth. Congratulations Monument Valley Mustangs!

The Kayenta Recreation Center Outreach To Visit Washington D.C.

By Malcolm Benally

KAYENTA, AZ Kayenta Recreation Center leader Joann Begay, and her leader assistant Pete Gilmore, will be joining over 20-plus participants in a week long retreat in Washington, D.C. The final training and networking fellowship program about working towards healthy Native communities retreat will take place from Monday, October 22nd to 28th, 2011 at the Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The structure for the year-long fellowship program and online learning community was set up with a curriculum that is modeled as a circle with four cardinal directions and four colors: white, yellow, red, and black. Black, the final portion of the curriculum is entitled "Skills to Bring Home." In a lot of Native cultures, the color black is also representative of the northern direction, symbolic of closure or filled with knowledge.

Some of those skills to be learned for this fellowship will include: understanding different leadership styles, develop policy to promote community wellness, sustaining community wellness efforts, exploring the Federal/Tribal development process, and most importantly, promoting new wellness policies at the local level.

After securing their airplane tickets with Healthy Native Community Fellowship program, Joann said the next step was to download her itinerary later in the day from their email accounts. "This is going to be a huge success for us," she says. Joann Begay, Recreation Leader is excited because she has been a fellowship participant for almost a year now, and for her, the trip to Washington, D.C. is a reward for all the hard work.

Healthy Native Communities
Partnership Inc. (HNCP) is a non-profit
organization that supports capacity
building, leadership development, partnership, and networking so that Native
communities realize their own vision
of wellness. Joann Begay and Pete
Gilmore are scheduled to finish up their
year-long fellowship program with
HCNP with this final one-week retreat.

According to their website, the Healthy Native Communities Partnership mission is propelled by asking Native communities two very simple questions: "What does health and wellness mean for your community?" and "Who can really build the momentum for wellness and change?"

The itinerary for the Kayenta Recreation Center Community Outreach team will consist of workshops and focus groups with titles like, "Experiential Cultural Immersion Workshop," "Regional Family Group Meeting," "Grounding Core Values For Leadership In The Community," "A Policy Orientation," "Telling Our Stories To the Media," "Policy Briefings", "Digital Storytelling," and "Policy Conversation Round Tables."

According to Joann Begay, who has worked with Kayenta Recreation Program since its inception in August 2006, that because of the recreation center's old age and exposure to the elements, "the Kayenta Recreation Center building costs a lot of money to maintain throughout the year. In the winter, the Kayenta Township has to spend at least \$3,600 a month on propane," she says. At the end of the year, the center in its current state cannot bring in enough revenue to cover operation costs, much less the cost of propane usage, which can easily balloon to about \$18,000 per year.

However, in order to become more visible to the greater community, the Kayenta Township began to build on the Kayenta Recreation Center that was reopened in August 2006 after it was condemned by the Office of Environmental Health.

"The community really put its efforts and beliefs on the table for this community center. I think we need to continue to do whatever it takes to continue to improve on the place where the community comes together for everything. Since it has reopened, I've seen this place as a rest stop for the National Guard when it snowed severely back in winter 2009: it is an emergency response center, a place for job, health and education fairs. And, we have youth here all the time taking advantage of the weight room, skatepark, and playground areas. We even celebrate our community Christmas here," Joann says with a smile.

Back in August 2011, the Kayenta Township administration and its five member commissioners met to make recommendations to address strategic plans for the fiscal year 2011/2012. Kayenta Township leaders meet each year in July to discuss how to move forward with community development goals and objectives.

After several recent community strategic planning sessions, the community has determined that one of its biggest needs is the creation of a multi-purpose facility to be located at the recreation center, or possibly, replace it altogether. As a part of the strategic planning process, the Kayenta Recreation Center was explained as a place that was needed to bring in more revenue by increasing facility usage as well as seeing the center as a tool for positive community outreach.



Kayenta Recreation Center Grand Opening September 2006.

The recreation center has a basketball court, a volleyball court, exercise equipment, free weights, a concession area, a media room, a Library, an outside playground, a state of the art Skate/BMX Park, a Gazebo, and walking trails. The center is open to the public year around.

The Kayenta Recreation Center staff believes that if the multi-purpose facility were to be built, it would need the addition of a Public Library, an Early Childhood Development Resource Room, a Commercial Kitchen, and an auditorium or large conference room. These elements would allow for more diverse ways for facility use that would bring in more revenue.

Most of the focus groups the Township has sponsored agree that grants that provide funding for healthy communities today also would like to see community gardens in small communities. A commercial kitchen in the multi-purpose facility would be great for wellness and healthy food demonstrations. By means of building a multi-purpose facility, the community can gain more access to resources.

"I think if we did not participate in this fellowship program about healthy communities, all these community improvement programs would still seem more like a dream to me. But, the yearlong fellowship program reinforced the importance of the everyday work that is needed here at the Kayenta Recreation Center," she says. "I hope that when we go to Washington, D.C., I will have a chance to express these overall needs for my community."

The Kayenta Recreation Center will be closed from October 24, 2011 to October 28, 2011 for winterization and maintenance work before winter sets in. Public events for Friday, October 29, 2011 will also be closed.

Normal hours of operation will resume October 31, 2011. Good Luck Joan and Pete!

For more information about the Health Native Communities Fellowship, or to apply for the 2012 Fellowship program, please visit www.hncpartners.org.

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At the conference work group sessions, Philbert reports that the group agreed on their goals to advance new tribal goals that will help to develop, implement and enforce culturally relevant green building codes, its policies, and programs leading to healthier, more sustainable communities. Through his ongoing activities at work, Philbert will help to set the town of Kayenta towards blazing a new path for the rest of the Navajo Nation communities to follow.

The conference goers discovered that there is a groundswell of interest from Native Nations interested in providing homes in their own communities that are compatible and responsive to keeping with cultural traditions, in both form and value.

The goals in implementing new green code legislation to the communities means that as representatives from different and diverse Nations, across the board, all community participants need to, first, be able to afford non-toxic, sustainable homes.

"It is this intent that underpins the work of everyone who works in my field as a buildings official.

Legislation and compliance go hand in hand in creating safe communities. But, we have to know from the get go, that the buildings the greater public may use daily are safe for everyone. As a building official, I can help implement these laws as the town of Kayenta begins to grow," says the Township building official. "We see green building codes as a framework to guide sustainable community development."

The summit in Denver was organized to further support development of tribal green building codes. The working group's working documents will help determine a protocol

for participant communities to move forward building upon and being educated about key legislative issues that will help determine long term, sustainable, green communities.

During this first meeting, summit participants from diverse, Native communities across the United States helped to identify existing green building codes, technical, policy and planning resources related to green building codes. The work group looked at opportunities for further development and barriers associated with code development and implementation.

Towards the end of the conference, the last work sessions, all the participants came together to write a needs and problem statement that reads:

"We, the participants of the National Tribal Green Building Codes Summit, recognize the dire need for healthy, affordable homes and high performance, sustainable buildings in Indian Country. Native Nations have high levels of homelessness, severely crowded homes, a lack of adequate water and sanitation systems, poor indoor air quality, a high percentage of poorly insulated, non-electrified homes. Unlike the rest of the country, where there is a housing surplus, not enough homes exist in Indian Country. It is estimated that well over 200,000 housing units are needed to provide adequate housing in tribal areas. While there is an urgent need to supply more housing, it is recognized that homes must be built in such a way to meet the environmental social and cultural priorities of Tribal people."

The working group further acknowledged that this Summit was a first step in an effort to work together in support of the goals stated above.

The following priorities were shared by Summit participants and prioritized: 1.) It is important to maintain clarity about the need to have a triballydriven and culturally-based process: 2.) We need to develop an ongoing forum and information sharing space to maintain and expand a Tribal Green Building Code Workgroup; 3.) Our emphasis needs to be on the development of a process rather than a product. from which tribally-determined green building codes and, or tribe-specific systems can develop; 4.) Codes need to support each Native Nations' sovereignty, and be reflective of the community and culture; 5.) We need to further education, training and capacity building in regards to sustainable building, tribal and federal policies, and sustainable building codes; 6.) We need to develop sustainable funding sources for tribal code development and sustainable tribal housing; 7.) We will work to develop Native bioregionalbased economies around our need for sustainable communities and appropriate, high-performance housing; 8.) We need to plan, educate, and design for affordability: sustainable housing needs to be affordable; and

10.) We, the tribal representatives, request that federal agencies improve collaboration and aggregate resources in this area

The preliminary work group that Philbert worked with at the summit were from many Tribal organizations who were present, such as the Acoma Pueblo, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy, Kayenta Township (Navajo Nation), Native American Indian Housing Council, Navajo Nation, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Spirit Lake Tribe, Sustainable Nations, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

The Federal Agencies who were on hand to help facilitate the work group were the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atkin Olshin Schade Architects, Sustainable Native Communities Collaborative, Development Center for Appropriate Technology, GreenWeaver Inc., Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Native Communities Collaborative, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Photonica, Sandia National Laboratory, University of California,

For more information about the Tribal Green Building Codes Workgroup, please contact:
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Ten MVHS Students to Attend 2011 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis

By Malcolm Benally

KAYENTA, AZ – The Monument Valley High School Argiculture Department will be sending ten students to the 84th Annual Future Farmer's of America National Convention from October 19th to the 22nd, 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The annual convention is held each year with nearly 55,000 members, mainly high school students, who will participate in leadership based activities and listen to presentations from leaders in the field of agriculture. The last time the MVHS FFA program attended the national convention was back in 1995.

This year, the national convention will recognize and showcase the Native American impact on agriculture. Some of the highlights from the events will be brought home by means of Direct TV and DISH Network TV, which will show a part of the convention's daily events that will be streamlined on RFD Television starting around noon on October 20, 2011. During the opening ceremonies called the Grand March Brandon Smith, Monument Valley High School student, will carry the Navajo Nation flag into the convention. Another student, Shantava Begav, will share her culture by performing a jingle dance while her brother, Tyrin Begay does the singing and drumming in the Native American pow-wow tradition during a Talent Show.

A film crew that was sent out to document the Grand Opening of the new Monument Valley High School Agri-Science building back in August 2011 will showcase a short video of interviews, workshop rooms, and students working inside the new state of the art building. Two students, Brandon Burns and Jasmine Blackwater will present a Pendleton blanket with the Navajo Nation seal to the National FFA Secretary.

Additional coverage of the 84th National FFA Convention can be seen on the Alltech Ag Network, powered by iHigh, at the website www. AlltechAgNetwork.com. Convention organizers say on the FFA website that, "Not only will each session be streamed live, but they will be available on demand immediately following the live broadcast." Orion Samuelson hosts RFD-TV's coverage of the 84th National FFA Convention.

RFD-TV can be found on DirecTV at channel 345 and on Dish Network at channel 231

The RFD-TV will show these events during the FFA convention: 1.) Session 1: Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30pm; 2.) Session 2: Thursday, October 20 at 1:30pm; 3.) National FFA Talent Review: Thursday, October 20 at 5:00pm; 4.)Session 3: Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm; 5.) Session 4: Friday, October 21 at 7:30am: 6.) Session 5: Friday, October 21 at 11:30am; 7.)Session 6: Friday, October 21 at 2:30pm; 8.) National FFA Band and Chorus Concert: Friday, October 21 at 5:30pm; 09.) Session 7: Friday, October 21 at 6:30pm; 10.) Session 8: Saturday, October 22 at 7:30am; 11.) Session 9: Saturday, October 22 at 1:00pm

In a short interview over the phone, Clyde McBride spoke with Kayenta Today with a break between teaching classes at the new Agri-Science building on the Monument Valley High School campus. "We have become one of the premier agriculture programs in the county over the years," he says. "A lot of our kids have gone on to choose great careers. And with our kids being highlighted for their work on national television is exciting. We are all very excited," he says.



Monument Valley High School FFA Members.



Congretulations to the 2011 MVHS Homecoming Float Winners!

Sponsored by The Kayenta Township

1st Place- \$1,000 prize: Nakaii Hihonii Kaadi Field Day Sponsor 2nd Place- \$500 prize: Dine Parenting Traditionalists 3rd Place- \$400 prize: Young's Trail Rider 4th Place- \$300 prize: KMS Football

All the Places to Shop, Eat, and Enjoy the Town of Kayenta, Arizona

By Malcolm Benally

Kayenta, AZ – The town of Kayenta has grown substantially as a community through time. A lot of the town's unique character has achieved many milestones, some of which goes untold to this day. The small businesses and hotels in town has been the key to the community's ongoing development.

As a way to acknowledge our local businesses, each year the Kayenta Today would like to update and publish a local business resource listing. This year, we've included a schedule of fees for the Kayenta Today if you would like to advertise your business on a bimonthly basis.

Kayenta Township's vision is to prosper in achieving its community development goals and objectives by creating a model community that implements economic development through several key and ongoing community development projects in five major departments: development services, business site leasing, the finance department, public works and the transfer station.

In today's hustle and bustle the world over, Kayenta has a lot to offer its millions of guests and visitors who come through each year. In tourism magazines, the community is referred to as "the gateway to Monument Valley or "The Eighth Wonder Of The World." Kayenta Today took a look at the businesses currently available in town and scanned its products, so our guests can have an informed, comfortable stay each year when they visit the area and enjoy beautiful Navajo lands: Diné Bikéyah.

Amigos Café: A local Mexican restaurant is one of the popular places to eat which has accumulated great reviews on the Internet since its opening in 1983. One reviewer from Vienna, Austria says the café serves "excellent portions for an excellent price." The aura of the small diner sports intimate booths, free chips and salsa, and a reasonably priced breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu. For first time diners, the four best choices on the menu are the Combination Plate (red or green chile), the Navajo Taco, Green Chili Burger, and the Chimichanga. Locals who now live in the big city often return to Kayenta on weekends, say they have to "eat at Amigos at least once before heading back" to work, school, or play. The restaurant is small, but very clean, and intimate. Amigos Café is located at the northeast corner of U.S. Highway Junction 160 & 163, (928) 697-8448.

Bashas' Supermarket: Located in the Navajo Shopping Plaza, is the largest grocery store in town which also has a delicatessen and a bakery. "A lot of tourists come to our store and their favorite items to buy are postcards, yogurt, cheese, bread, and drinks. So, we have a pretty good assortment of these things," says store manager Shirlene Chischilly.

"Recently, the outside design of the building and the parking lot had a bit of a face lift," she says. The deli serves Pizza to-go, Fried Chicken, Chicken

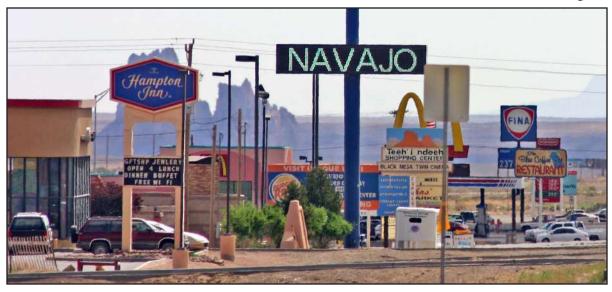
Wings, Egg Rolls, Burritos, and fresh salads for take-out. For kids and anyone on a budget, one of the local favorites is the green chile burrito and the corn dogs, which go for \$1.50. One of the town favorites at Bashas' is breakfast at the deli. The delicatessen makes their own Frybread and Tortillas throughout the day and that is a favorite. The grocery store has a fully stocked produce section, canned goods, fresh meat, frozen foods, breads, assorted beverages, toiletries, over the counter medicines, beauty care, and home care supplies. Bashas' is located at the Navajo Shopping Plaza, off U.S. Highway 160, (928) 697-8176.

Black Mesa Twin Cinemas: A movie theater located at the Navajo Nation Shopping Center in Kayenta, AZ. We are here to provide Quality 1st and 2nd run movie entertainment on the Navajo Nation The theater has been servicing the Navajo Nation for over 8 years. The Black Mesa Twin Cinma has remiered movies including the Blockbuster hit "Windtalkers. Black Mesa Twin Cinema hires about 9 locals during our peak seasons. Opened originally in 2000 by Giddings Company, LLC, the theater was bought January 1, 2006 by Geon Enterprises. Inc. when the previous owners decided to retire, and is now currently managed

Gordon Jones

Blue Coffee Pot: The family diner is one of the local favorites Owner Jodonna Ward says, "The Blue Coffee Pot is like a second center for local Elders and is always popular as a gathering place for the local workforce." Every morning and weekday, this is the place to go not just for the social atmosphere, but also for its breakfast menu items. For the frugal spender, the restaurant has daily specials, a soup of the day, and a salad bar. Local favorites include Mutton Sandwiches, Steak & Shrimp Kabob, Enchiladas. Barbeque Ribs, and Navajo Tacos. The Trip Advisor on the Internet reads, "Eat with the locals!" The menu offers a variety of choices and most menu items are under \$10.00. Blue Coffee Pot is located at the northwest corner of U.S. Highway Junction 160 & 163, (928) 697-3396.

Burger King: At Kayenta Burger King, they even serve the world famous Whopper for Breakfast! The Kayenta Burger King also features a Navajo Code Talker exhibit which documents the heroic use of the Navajo Language during World War II. The Navajo Code Talker display features Japanese and American World War II paraphernalia from the Pacific War. If you are eating in, there are free drink refills, clean bathrooms (4-lady's toiletries and 4-vanities), and an inside playroom for children. On the dollar menu are fries, onion rings, 16 oz drinks, Whopper Jr., and Double Cheeseburger. On the lighter fare, there is a Tender Grill and Tender Crisp Chicken Salad for under \$5. Free Wi-Fi connection is another



reason to go and hang out at Burger King, located off U.S. Highway 160 as you enter Kayenta from the west side, (928) 697-3534.

Conoco GIANT Gas Station, is the only gas station open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The gas station sells regular convenience store items like chips, sodas, fountain drinks, coffee, heat up sandwiches, frozen foods, toiletries, and the most comprehensive newspaper newsstand in Kayenta. Locals like the gas station for good customer service. Conoco GIANT is located on the northeast corner at Junction of U.S. Highway 160 & 163, (928) 697-3525.

Draper Auto and Glass, located off Highway 163 is a window replacement shop for homes and vehicles, window tint, windshield chip repair, and windshield replacement. The business is licensed, bonded, and insured to provide these services to home, commercial and auto services.

Fina Gas Station, is the only gas station in town that has a two-bay garage, air for tires, diesel gas, and regular unleaded to premium unleaded gas. The two bay garage provides tire repair, tire mounts, oil changes, and wheel balancing. Fina is located at the northwest corner of U.S. Highway 160 & 163, (928) 697-3024.

Golden Rice Bowl: the only Chinese café and dinner take out in town. The small café is set up cafeteria style and you can order from the food items that are displayed on hot plates: Sweet & Sour Chicken, Terayaki Chicken, Orange Chicken, Beef & Broccoli, Almond Chicken, Mushroom Chicken, Egg Rolls, Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, Egg Drop Soup, Hot & Sour Soup, and Lo Mein Noodles. For under \$10 you can get a full meal and a drink from its three main course menu items. For the calorie conscious, rice bowls are available with one main menu item served on a bed of steamed or fried rice. Golden Rice Bowl is located inside the Navajo Shopping Center Plaza, building A-5 off Highway 160, (928) 697-3898

Golden Sands: The Mutton Stew and Fry bread is a local Navajo favorite and is the place to go for most local diners. For tourists, the Navajo Taco is literally a staple menu item. The cafe has if you

defined the character of Kayenta over the years, and through its longevity you will often see tour buses, school buses (for other schools on away games or field trips), and charter buses parked outside; which means they're busy! The café has kept its "OK Corral" Hollywood western décor and even sports an old timer's stove at the entrance. Owner Bill Crawley, an amateur photographer, has kept many black and white photos of local scenery, movie sets, and famous people who have passed through K-town over the years. A good place to eat a hearty meal and learn about local history! The café personnel is often open to catering gigs call them ahead of time. Golden Sands. 1 mile north of U.S. Highway 160 & 163, (928) 697-3684.

Hampton Inn, a traveler gave a positive review for this hotel titled, "Great Staff, Comfortable Stay!" The hotel staff-dressed up in their traditional Navajo attire makes the hotel environment truly inviting! The 73-room Hampton Inn is one of the newest Hotels located within the business district of the Kayenta community and is within walking distance to shopping, restaurants, and convenience stores. The Hotel allows pets, free Wi-Fi, Cable TV with Movie and Sports channels, Daily Maid Service, Room Service, Complimentary Breakfast, and the Reuben Heflin restaurant serves dinner from 5 pm to 10 pm. Outside of the Hampton Inn on the east parking lot is the Navajo cultural center comprised of traditional male and female Navajo Hogan as well as a traditional Navajo shade to cool down. The Navajo culture center has a Navajo Shade House Museum that depicts the Navajo religion, Navajo families, and is reminiscent of old Kayenta 1910 to 1958 lifestyle. The museum also features Navajo paraphernalia from

that time. The gift shop sells folk art, Navajo arts & crafts, and Southwest Memorabilia. Hampton Inn is located off U.S. Highway 160, (928) 697-3170.

L&L Auto Parts: has been opened since June 2008, and is an authorized, full on NAPA Auto Parts dealer. You can get any part you need within a reasonable amount of time. The new and used tire shop has a two bay garage. You can receive tire replacement, tire rotation, oil changes, wheel balance, and brake repair services. In fact, you can order custom wheels and have them installed. L&L Auto Parts store hours are as follows: Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm and the store is closed on Sundays. To contact L&L Auto Parts please call (928) 697-3040.

MacDonalds: From Free Wi-fi, an indoor children's play room, the famous \$1 menu (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), to large \$1 drinks, MacDonalds is a place to go to get a quick meal and save some money. The latest big items on the value menu are the Angus Burgers meant especially to compete with Burger King. You can also get the 20-piece Chicken McNuggets, two orders of fries, and drinks for under \$10. For the health conscious, the Premium Salads include a Caesar Salad, Southwest Salad, and Premium Salad, which all come with a choice of Grilled or Crispy Chicken. MacDonalds is located off U.S. Highway 160 directly in front of the Navajo Shopping Center, (928) 697-8169.

Navajo Arts and Crafts Enterprise welcomes you to explore Navajo through the only enterprise of the Navajo Nation that specializes in handmade Navajo jewelry. Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise is the location to find Continued from page 6



Golden Sands Restaurant

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quality hand-made Navajo jewelry such as bracelets, rings, belts, necklaces, and so much more. Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise also specializes in woven rugs, which identify the true culture of the Navajo People. Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise takes pride in their selection of jewelry, rugs, and apparel.

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise is certified authentic by the Indian Arts & Crafts Association as a retailer/ wholesaler to distribute products "Indian-Made". Expanding through the years, Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise has evolved with the change in the art industry – with new contemporary Navajo jewelry, but still keeping true to the traditional Navajo influence of jewelry making.

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise is the only enterprise of the Navajo Nation that wholesales and retails fine Navajo jewelry offering the best in selections since 1941. In addition, the enterprise in Kayenta carries the best in selection of Navajo rugs from all over the great Navajo Nation. A collection of pottery and original artwork is also available.

Other store locations are based throughout the Navajo Reservation in Window Rock, Cameron, Chinle, and Navajo National Monument in Arizona. We are also located in Shiprock and Alamo in New Mexico. Visit any of our store locations to experience the beauty in design of the Navajo People through their unique forms of Navajo jewelry, rugs, pottery, and other diverse forms of art. For more information, call (928) 697-8611.

Pizza Edge, is the only pizza joint in town, and locals like their hot-wings and salad bar from here. For lunch you can order Calzones, hot or cold sandwiches. The restaurant always has daily specials for Pizza. Pizza Edge is perfect for birthday parties and family dinners. The restaurant features an "old school" game room and serves soft serve ice cream in various flavors, Sundaes, and Banana Splits. Pizza Edge is located at the east end of the Navajo Shopping Center, off Highway 160 & 163, (928) 697-8427.

7-Eleven, this convenience store has staple item groceries, frozen foods, magazines, newspapers, cigarettes, candy, gas, heat up foods. 7-Eleven is a popular place for youth to get hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, soda fountain drinks, chips, and candies. 7-eleven is located at the southeast corner of junction of U.S. Highway 160 & 163, (928) 697-3766.

Sonic is the only drive-in in town where you can park, order from, and eat, from the comfort of your ride. The waiters come to deliver the food you order to your car. Sonic is popular in town for its cold soft drinks, like Cherry-Limeade, Strawberry-Limeade, and Cranberry-Limeade, which also come as diet drinks. During the summer, you can cool down with slush in different flavors and real fruit flavors.



Little Mesa Giftshop in the Kayenta Monument Valley Inn Lobby.

Sonic has ice cream sundaes, banana splits, and ice cream cones. From the menu you can order Burgers, Foot Long Chili Dog, Chicken Sandwiches, and has a hearty breakfast menu. Sonic is located as you enter Kayenta on U.S. Highway 160 from the west side of town, (928) 697-8140.

Subway, this sandwich deli is a popular destination for lunch where you will often see the Indian Health Service crowd in their scrubs ordering their favorite healthy sandwiches for under \$5, or as the saying goes in Subway speak, "the five dollar foot long." The great thing about going to Subway and ordering a Sandwich is you can choose from a variety of fixings how you want to prepare your sandwich. Assistant Manager Trina says, "Also, we offer specials such as the three for \$12.00 and the \$5.00 meal deal, for those on a tight budget." She continues, "We do our best to keep our store clean and we provide the type of service that ensures a happy customer. We always say, "Hello! Welcome To Subway!" The store is open until 9 pm, seven days a week. Contact Subway: 928-697-

TohDenNasShai Trading, the trading post carries all supplements, grains, tack, hay, and other livestock products for sale. The store carries fresh peaches, watermelons, potatoes, cherries, and farm products that are locally and regionally produced, seasonally. Beau Benally, actor from Mile Post 398 is the store manager and owner, who says, "We also usually have a food stand outside to raise money for scholarships." The trading company is located 1 miles north on U.S. Highway 163, (928) 221-1528.

Urban Trendz, located at the Navajo Shopping Center plaza, Urban Trendz is a hair salon for someone seeking the latest hairstyle for professional attire or to sport the latest trend. Open now for business since October 2007, the salon manager, Anna Tohtsonie says she has two certified cosmetologist on staff during the weekday to provide haircuts for male and female clientele. Chemical hair treatments such as highlights, coloring, and perms are available. The salon provides spa style manicures and

pedicures for male and female clients. Anna says Urban Trendz has an in-store special, where you can set up an appointment for a chemical hair treatment for Tuesday or Wednesday and you will get a 10% discount. The salon also provides male and female Redken, Biolage, and American Crew hair products for sale. Other products can be ordered and sold through Urban Trendz by request. To make an appointment or make an inquiry, call Urban Trendz today at (928) 697-2550.

The Wagon Wheel Restaurant at the Monument Valley Inn, One of the only full-service restaurants in Kayenta, the Wagon Wheel serves Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. However, Lunch is served only during the busy months or the "peak season" from April to October.

For the dining experience, the Wagon Wheel restaurant serves non-alcoholic beer and wine. The restaurant features an all you can eat full salad bar. The restaurant has a southwestern style menu that includes Navajo food fare such as Frybread, Beef Stew, Mutton Stew, and Navajo Tacos. A portion of the menu features Lasagna, Spaghetti with Meatballs, steak and chicken Fajitas, Filet Mignon, Enchiladas, a 1 lb Rib Eye Steak, and Trout from the dinner menu. For the health conscious, there is also a choice of premium salads. The Lunch Menu is comprised

of cold and hot sandwiches. Room service is also available for your convenience. Kids eat free! After a meal, you can walk around the garden and visit the Peace Pole, courtesy of the Peace Pole Project which started in 1955 by Masahisa Goi, who dedicated his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth".

The Little Mesa Gift Shop sells Native American arts and crafts, books. t-shirts, snacks, local newspapers, and Monument Valley souvenirs. The gift shop is open daily from 7:00 am to 10:00 seven days a week. The Monument Valley Inn has recently gone through renovation with new carpeting and furnishings. The 164 Native décor rooms now feature queen size beds, flat screen tvs with movie channels, high speed wi-fi internet, free local calls, a swimming pool during the summer months, and has an on-site health and fitness room. Handicap accessible rooms are also available. The Wagon Wheel restaurant is open seasonally for breakfast and lunch, and is open vear around for dinner. Internet Access for business is available in the Main Lobby. The hotel is within walking distance to convenience stores, nearby restaurants, and the Navajo Shopping Center, (928) 697-3231.

Wetherill Inn, this 54-unit hotel was established in 1946 and has played a significant part of the development of the Kayenta community. The hotel offers comfortable, quiet, affordable rooms in Kayenta, AZ. Lately, the hotel property has been remodeled with comfortable upgraded rooms. Each room comes with a flat-screen television, wake-up call service, and hot coffee/tea maker. Recent additions also include a guest laundry room and a full indoor pool.

From May to October each season, hotel rooms run about \$145 double bed. In the slow season, from November to April, prices run about \$80 for a double bed. The hotel offers an indoor pool, Satellite TV with Show Time, free Wi-Fi, and a hearty complimentary breakfast. The gift shop showcases authentic Navajo arts and crafts, and a selection of about books on local and southwest interest. (928) 697-3231 or for reservations: reservations@wetherill-inn.com.

Kayenta Flea Market, the Kayenta Outside Indian Market on Wednesday near the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds is the closest you can get to local foods. You can buy quality Mexican Food, produce from as far away as Utah andColorado, mutton sandwiches are available at



Wetherill Inn: North Highway 163 in Kayenta, AZ



Kayenta Flea Market: Every Wednesday by the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds.

many stands. Inside the vending area, there are at least eight primary food vendors where you can get your fill of Navajo Mutton Sandwiches, Mutton Stew, Blue Corn Mush, Kneel Down Bread, Tortillas, Burritos, Chips & Salsa, Menudo, Tamales, and Mutton Ribs. The outside market also features pottery, jewelry, clothes, Navajo rugs, and other arts & crafts for sale created by local artisans and entrepreneurs. The Wednesday market is probably the best opportunity you will have to meet and buy directly from local artisans. Great place to see the community gather each week, when people from all over the Black Mesa region come out on Wild Wednesday! to take care of their business in town and get a bite to eat. For more information call Kayenta Chapter at (928) 697-5520.

Tohdennashai Womens Shelter Kick Off Events for October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Rebecca Joe

KAYENTA, AZ - Since the Tohdennashai Womens Shelter, in partnership with the Kayenta Township, passed a proclamation in 2010, the month of October was declared Domestic Violence Awareness month to raise awareness about the people who have survived domestic violence. The month of October is also recognized nationally as Domestic Vioence Awareness Month (DVAM). In conjunction with additional activities throughout the month of October, the Tohdennasshair Womens Shelter kick off the month with a Community Cookout and Purple Ribbon Campaign on Monday, October 03, 2011 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Kayenta Recreation Center Ramada.

Through the month of October, these events will showcase community education efforts and unification towards ending Domestic Violence on Navajo lands: Wednesday, October 12th, 2011: a Candlelight Vigil and Walk. Saturday, October 22nd, 2011: 7th Annual Horseback Ride Against Domestic Violence and Thursday, October 27th, 2011: a Domestic Violence: 101 Training and Conference.

In a short letter to the Town Manager, one of the Lead Shelter Crisis Advocates writes that the non-profit organization organizes the month's activities each year as an annual event "in remembrance of those who have suffered and lost their lives to domestic violence and to honor the survivors who are still with us today." The activities will also build upon the organization's solidarity by acknowledging those who promote awareness to end domestic violence.

Throughout the last decade, here are some significant, eye opening facts that are written in the literature on violence against women by the

National Organizations for Women (NOW): In the year 2005, 1,181 women were murdered by an intimate partner. That makes an average of about three women a day who die from the effects of domestic violence. According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, which includes crimes that were not reported to the police, 232,960 women in the U.S. were raped or sexually assaulted in 2006. That's more than 600 women every day. A lot more incidences of domestic violence go unreported on a daily basis, especially on the Navajo reservation because the victims or those directly involved feel that nothing will be done to bring a resolution to the matter. When race becomes part of the equation. American-Indian women are victimized at a rate more than double that of women of other races or ethnic identities.

Considering these statistics, it is easy to see that domestic violence is a serious issue on the Navajo Nation. A lot of the information that is shared by the Tohdennashai Womens Shelter is bound to compel the inquiring mind to question the roots of domestic violence. The Tohdennashai Shelter Home is now in its 29th year in operation providing a safe haven that has provided 74 women and 112 children from July 2010 to July 2011. The shelter advocates also provided public education and community outreach to 2,584 people during this

In June 2011, Navajo Nation First Lad presented the Violence Against Family Act to Navajo Nation Council Delegate Katherine Benally and Joshua Lavar Butler for sponsorship of the legislation to be attached to the Navajo Nation Title 17 Criminal Code. The Violence Against Family Act was drafted along with the Navajo Nation Advisory Council Against

Domestic Violence. The proposed Violence Against Family Act is expected to reach the Council during its fall session of this year.

Increasing awareness about preventing and ending Domestic Violence is the key element that will help to alleviate the distressing impact that Domestic Violence has on the Navajo reservation, here are some statistics that hit home specifically for the Navajo people: According to newspaper reports collected into a database for the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 106 people died in Arizona in 2000 as a result of domestic violence related homicide. In addition, 22 perpetrators committed suicide in 2001, 92 people died in Arizona as a result of domestic violence related homicide and 17 perpetrators committed suicide. In 1999, a Survey of Women's Health reported that American Indian and Alaska Native women are twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault as white, black, or Asian and Pacific Islander women. According a report entitled, "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," approximately one in five female high school students reported being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.

Each year, during domestic violence month, the advocates of the shelter do the hard work of updating the public with steps that are taken to end domestic violence, as well as provide valuable information towards prevention. For additional information, contact Tohdennashai Shelter Home staff at 928 697-3635

KAYENTA REGREATION CENTER CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

In September 02, 2006, the Kayenta Recreation Center was officially dedicated and opened to the public and the recreation center has become a place to go for all ages! We have a volleyball league starting September 19, 2011.

For more information, please call (928) 697-8487.

Tai Chi: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:15am — 9am
Boxing Club: Monday through Friday 3-5pm
Volleyball Night: Mondays & Wednesdays 5-8pm
Basketball Night: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5-8pm
Open Gym: Fridays 8am — 1pm
Saturdays 7 Sundays: Closed for Public Events

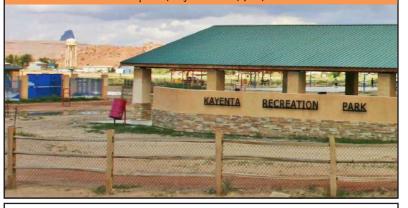
Dibé bes' liná, the Community Spin-Off is held the second Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 2 pm inside the gym area of the Kayenta Recreation Center. Learn about felting, weaving, spinning wool, and working with sheep wool.

Sept 20, October 18, Nov. 15, and Dec 20, 2011.

Contact: Jeannie Salt, (928) 429 0339.

Community Outreach, NAU Extended Campus, NAU Extended Campus Community Outreach, information center opens 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, setup in main lobby area of Kayenta Recreation Center.

Contact: Sonjia Jones, Program Coordinator, (928) 697-8312.

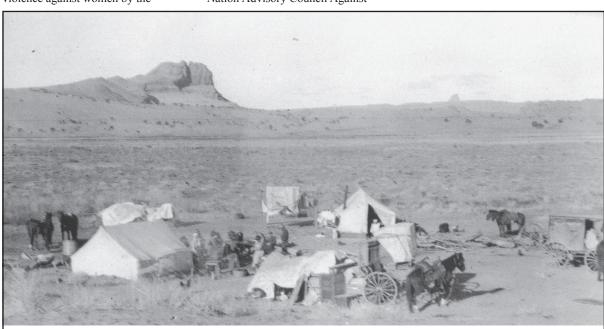


TOHDENASSHAI SHELTER HOME
2011 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Theme:



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*10/3: Purple Ribbon Campaign & Cookout @Recreation Center. 11am-2pm
*10/12: DV Awareness Walk & Vigil @Benally's Feed Store 5:30pm-8pm
*10/18: Tohdenasshai Shelter Home Resident Pampering Day
*10/22: 7th Annual Horseback Ride Against DV 9am-3pm, Start @Black Mesa
to Benally's Feed Store *10/27: DV101 Training *More info. call 928-697-3635



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Special Diabetes Project and IHS Employees Promulgate a Need for Healthy Community Activities

By Malcolm Benally

The 2011 year has been busy for the Kayenta office Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project (NNSDP), which has gone full force in creating partnerships with various communities and coordinating fun, healthy activities year around. Beginning with the Fourth of July Festivities this year, the NNSDP tent was hopping with healthy lifestyles educational booths as well as their Chili-cook off contest where many participants competed to win top of the line gas grills provided by the Kayenta Township.

In the months that followed, the diabetes prevention program went into full swing with a rigorous schedule of public events including fun runs, walking trails, bike trail rides, and even a recent hike in the Grand Canyon. On August 27th, the Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program just completed the Ride for Health Relay Race on Mountain Bikes in picturesque Monument Valley, Utah. As some of their milestones set new goals for participants each year, apparently in the year 2009, one of the participants rode their bike for 50 miles!

No Gym Required is a premium prevention program that was conceptualized by Marlene Valentine who works closely with the Monument Valley Diabetes Prevention Project but works from the Kayenta Service Unit and office. The program has been in effect and in demand for the last three years and keeps the Kayenta office busy. What makes the program so interesting is that No Gym Required can be done in the home as traditional Navajos have done for hundreds of years.

Instead of climbing the treadmill in a gym, in No Gym Required you can literally take the sheep out for the day, to experience the traditional Navajo lifestyle.

At most health conferences, most presenters who are Navajo always reiterate the fact that our Elders get to live long, productive lives because their work at home has always kept them busy, and preventing obesity was not as big an issue as it has become today. The program took the Gym out of stay



The Ride For Healthy Relay Race sponsored by Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program is held each year in August.

ing healthy, so that hopefully Navajos who want to stay healthy can incorporate and sustain traditional Navajo activities at home, to keep their health in check.

This year, the No Gym Required program travelled to several communities and schools to demonstrate activities and thus helped to restore status in traditional Navajo active life such as grinding corn on a grinding stone, chopping wood for fire, rug weaving, archery, and even dummy roping. The staff has traveled to Chilchinbeto, Inscription House, Navajo Mountain, Monument Valley, Mexican Water, Dennehotso, and ended just last week at the Monument Valley Elementary School as a part of the Open House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 20, 2012.

"We hiked the Grand Canyon on the South rim on the Bright Angel Trail on September 10, 2011. We had a total of 13 hikers from Kayenta, Shonto, Monument Valley/Oljato, Dennehotso, Sweetwater, Tselani/Cottonwood and Hopi reservation's third Mesa. Some of the hikers were Amos Holliday, Patsy Grandson, Veronica Benally, Timothy Holiday, Ruby Begay, Raeshawna Pekin, Wilphina Becenti, Brandon Begay, Kaylynn Tsosie, Shaylene Batala, Orletha Slick, and Pearlina Austin," says an update email from the Program Supervisor, Bryan Parrish. "Some of

the hikers, Amos and Timothy Holiday were the two who hiked all the way to the bottom. The rest of us hiked down to "Indian Garden."," he wrote. Aside from the group hiking shots and the photos of the Grand Canyon, it looks it was a nice cool day after the rain. According to the closing statements on the email, it seems all the hikers were proud and wish to hike the Grand Canyon again next year.

Most of the healthy communities programs are sponsored by the Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project and the Kayenta Service Unit Indian Health Services programs. The two programs also are affiliates of the Healthy Native Communities program along with the Kayenta Recreation Center.

The next item on the agenda for the promotion program is the 2nd Annual Red Ribbon Relay Run on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. This event is a partnership between the Kayenta Community Health Nurses, Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program, and the Indian Health Services Promotion Program.

For this event, the organizers are asking community organizations to set up a table booth to disseminate information to the public to educate students, staff, and community members. For more information, please contact Betty Redhair, Recreation Specialist at (928) 697-4000.

N.A.T.I.V.E CENTRAL CAMPUS TO OPEN ITS DOORS IN DECEMBER 2011



N.A.T.I.V.E. Campus in Kayenta, AZ.

By Jeff Greyeyes

KAYENTA, AZ - Northeastern Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education (N.A.T.I.V.E.) will be opening its new Central Campus early December 2011. Because of construction delays it was rescheduled to open until December. The central campus is located in Kaventa, Arizona just off of North Highway 163 north east of the Kaventa Unified School District compound. The school will be providing services to students and community members through summer job training programs and school to work programs. Courses will be available on-site, on-line, and video conference distance learning. NATIVE Central campus is also the first building in the United States to be built under the International Green Construction Codes

The NATIVE Central Campus will begin offering courses and training in Certiport IC3 certification, Microsoft Office, Adobe certifications, a Graphic Design program, and Certified Nursing Assistant program. The certification process is open to all interested in beginning careers in Nursing, Information Technology, Graphic

Design, self-employment, small business entrepreneurship, and com puter networking fundamentals. Other programs in development are Massage therapy, Hospitality, Power /Structure technical lab, and Renewable energy.

NATIVE is part of a Joint Technical Education District that works with the Northeastern Arizona's high school Career Technology Education programs to ensure success in tomorrow's workforce. Current programs are articulated with Utah Valley University, College of Eastern Utah, and Navajo Technical College. Other schools such as Northland Pioneer College, Coconino Community College will be added as other vocational training courses are developed at the Kayenta campus. It is an affordable way to begin retraining for those wanting update skills for the modern workforce or entry level skills for continuing students. Courses are available to high school level students at grades level 10 through 12. Currently, we are looking to hire a Nurse Assistant training program manager. For more information on NATIVE and employment, check our website http://www.native.k12.

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION SPECIAL ELECTION

FACT:

There are 802 Registered Kayenta Township Voters. Only 393 people voted in the last election.

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Kayenta Chapter House November 15, 2011 6am - 7pm





The 2011 Monument Valley Film, Blues, and Arts Festival Brings Out an Audience of Native Film Enthusiasts

By Malcolm Benally

A long with a great selection of films showcased at the Fifth Annual Monument Valley Film, Blues, and Arts Festival, the four blues bands who performed Friday night gave the crowd immeasurable moments of beauty, tone, temperament, and straight up, rock n' roll blues. You just had to be there. Although only a duo, flutist Jimmy Keith had a presence that gave Schoolboy Kook their blues rhythms some distinct local Native flavor. The audience immediately connected them to the canyons and the poetic lore of Navajo lands.

The first band Schoolboy Kook jammed to a small audience of about 10 people as the Fifth Annual Monument Valley Film. Blues, and Arts Festival kicked off as the workday ended in town. The two man band Schoolboy Kook featuring the duo Chilchinbeto native Jimmy Keith and Nolan. Jimmy Keith who has mastered playing the Native flute jammed through several original songs that began the festival Friday afternoon. Towards the middle of their set, the small crowd that had gathered just after 5 pm were mesmerized by the chanting, "We are the people of the earth, we are the people of land" as the flute sounds lingered into the unseen canyons that lingered outside the high school Student Activity Center Friday afternoon.

As the crowd grew and festival goers slowly began to trickle in the student activity center, it was getting late for Schoolboy Kook, who had an early gig the next morning to play at the Arts Walk at the Navajo Nation Fair, and they were on their way to Window Rock, AZ.

The Triple Shot Mustangs, a local band, jumped into the second set with a fast paced number that recalled a little bit of the King himself, Elvis with a Navajo swag started the set with the fast paced, acid toned "House of Rock." You can't not go to a blues show without a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir", or Jimi Hendricks' "Mary Had a Little Lamb." The entire night's cover song choices were awesome and the well enthusiastic crowd took in every moment from beginning to end. The trios' original songs treated the audience into another time and place as they trekked through "High Noon" and other local favorites as they delved into a blues land and soundscape, and at each of their mid songs you can hear cheering, whistling, and yelling. It was just the beginning

As the Friday night football game slowly subsided, adults slowly continued to trickle into the Student Activity Center with their children in tow. It was a family affair. Even the Navajo children became blues enthusiasts, as the music roared along the states of Mississippi to Memphis, TN, down to San Jose, California! "Monte Carlo Cop," another Triple Shot Mustang original the band announced was written by talented, local artist Lee Benally. The band ended their set in high style with a cover of Steve Miller

Band's "You Keep On Rocking Me

Hailing from Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Jir Project was third on the set promoting their CD album titled "The Sun Child." Just like a city blues band, the guitarist and bassist each swirled around on stage, wore shades at night, and jammed like the best of them. Part spoken word poetry, from howling riffs to a Red Hot Chili Pepper style funk, the audience was mesmerized by both the band's energy and originality. Audience count: eighty. and growing steadily. The band had barely warmed up 15 minutes into its set, the lead singer asked, "Do you mind if I take off my shirt? Because, I do want to try one of these Navatone guitars. I heard this thing are filled with some good stuff," he said. The audience cheered on their native son Shonie Delarosa, who has organized each year's film festival with his wife Andee. "And before we play, we want to thank the Mustangs for given up their venue for us tonight." It was then announced the Mustangs were winning 27-0 just a little past half time.

As the Football game ended with a 60-0 Mustangs' victory, the audience for the headline band The Plateros had swelled to over 150 people.

An evening football game against the Rough Rock Sundevils nor the 65th Annual Navajo Nation Fair in Window Rock, Arizona deterred Sheephead Films, the Monument Valley National Honor Society, and the Kayenta Township from hosting the Monument Valley Film, Blues, and Arts Festival during the September 11th Ten Year memorial weekend. The sounds, images, and voices that came forth for the audience who came and went are bound to remember the Native talent that runs just as abundantly as the natural resources lying just beneath the first ground zero, the Colorado Plateau, the Four Corners region, and Monument Valley, Utah: the Eighth Wonder of the World.

Saturday morning at 11:00 am in the morning, the Film Festival kicked off with a selection of 15 powerful feature films, documentaries, short films, and music videos. All of the films were chosen as a look at the transition of how American Indian filmmakers and artists are making new in roads to how a story can be told. And for the audience, this year the buzz went to three films that were remarkable for the

storytelling, for the use of the Navajo language, and for its entertainment

The definite crowd favorites go to "Shimasani", "Rocks With Wings", and "Barking Water." Of the three, Rocks With Wings, a documentary feature which followed the Shiprock Chieftains Women's High School Basketball team was an emotional powerhouse. Directed by Rick Derby the film is set in 1988 and premiered internationally beginning in 2001 at the San Francisco American Indian Film Festival. The film covers the time before and when the Shiprock Lady Chieftains won the state tournament against New Mexico powerhouse Kirtland Central and stopped what was to have been their eighth New Mexican State Championship title.

"Rocks With Wings" still captivates the audience because it shows how the young ladies mature spiritually, as a team, as individuals, and as a community when they are faced with odds beyond their control. The years the team was struggling, a Black coach Jerry Richardson becomes their head coach who goes through his own culture shock and tries to adapt to the rhythms of a rural town in a "vast open land with nothing but highway and road signs," the coach says as he wearily enters Shiprock for the first time. The stigma of racial attitudes that the team as well as their Head Coach faced is a time capsule in history.

In his second film, Sterlin Harjo takes viewers on a road trip through his own personal and slight more visual and interesting Oklahoma. In this honest yet sentimental, and achingly poignant film, the Sundance Film Institute says, "Harjo claims his place as one of the most truthful and honest voices working in American cinema today. Barking Water is an expression of gratitude for the ability to have lived and loved."

In the rural town of Oklahoma, Irene and Frankie have a difficult past, but Frankie needs Irene to help him with one task. He needs to get out of the hospital and go home, before he dies, to his daughter and new grandbaby to make amends. Irene had been his one, true, on-again, off-again love until they parted ways for good. But to make up for the past, Irene agrees to help him in this trying time.



MVHS National Honor Society with Cheryl Lee (center) from the film "Rocks With Wings" at the 5th Annual Monument Valley Film, Blues and Arts Festival in Kayenta, AZ.



Rocks With Wings: Photo by Film Director Rick Derby



Shimasani: Directed by Blackhorse Lowe

With acting as good as the Hollywood A-list relocated to American Indian actors, Richard Ray Whitman as Frankie and Casey Camp-Horinek as Irene take full advantage of their talents. This story takes viewers for a ride in the backseat of Frankie and Irene's Indian car, listening to their past and the rhythmic soundtrack that sets the beat for a redemptive road journey. Harjo wraps us in the charm and love of Oklahoma through the people and places Irene and Frankie visit along the way. This film became an instant audience favorite as the crowd of a little over 60-audience members gave the film a standing ovation at the SAC auditorium Saturday night.

In the short 20-minute feature film, "Shimasani", which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in February 2010, became an audience favorite along with the "5th world" and about two shorts that screened in Kayenta on Saturday and Sunday.

A Native American girl learns how much lurks outside the traditional female Hogan and sheep corral that's always been her home, and sheep camp, in this short drama set in the 1920's. Mary Jane (Brigadier Brown) is

a young Navajo woman who lives with her family on a Navajo reservation in the Southwest.

Mary Jane is used to a simple life of looking after her family's sheep and helping around the house, but when her sister comes home after spending time away at school, she brings with her a geography textbook. As she wanders after the sheep in a beautifully shot landscape, Mary Jane flips through the book and for the first time and becomes aware of the size and scope of the world that exists beyond her community. Mary Jane is now faced with a decision -- does she follow the lead of her sister and become a part of the world outside the reservation, or does she obey the wishes of her grandmother and remain loval to her own culture?

These films described in the article were among 18-select films that showed this year at the Monument Valley Film, Blues, and Arts Festival. The film screenings raised a lot of important issues about uranium mining, mortality, love stories, inspiration, and even drama. It seems like Native cinema has come into the fold big time and so has the Monument Valley Film, Blues, and Arts Festival.

See you again next year!

Capital Improvement Projects

The Kayenta Township Commission

Kayenta Township's vision is to prosper in achieving its community development goals and objectives by creating a model community that implements economic development.

This community likes to practice its autonomy by bringing good health, wellness, and harmony to its citizens using the Navajo traditional teachings of sihasin (hope).

And, it is with this hope that we are proud to give the greater community on the Navajo Nation this short presentation of our accomplishments.





1 - Wetherill Heights Road Stabilization and Drainage

The Kayenta Township just completed its request for qualifications for a general contractor/design build to reconstruct and repair the Wetherill Road. The project consists of 1.25 miles of road stabilization and drainage. As soon as a general contractor is chosen, the long overdue project will begin immediately.





2 - Kayenta Animal Care Center

Kaventa Animal Care Center (KACC) is a multipurpose animal resource center. 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





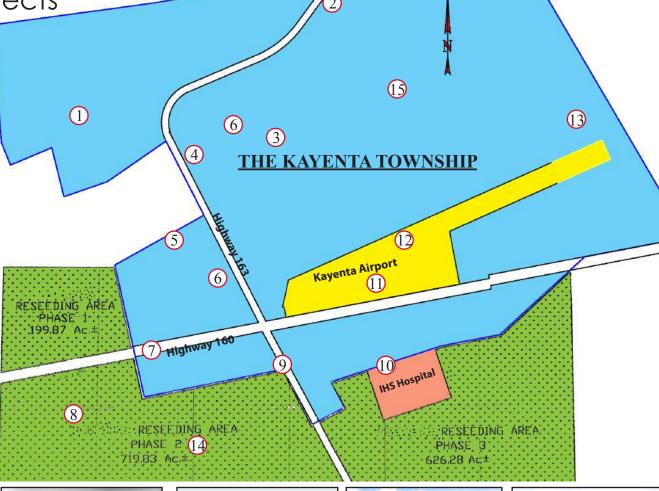
3 - Native American Technical Institute for Vocational Education

N.A.T.I.V.E. (Native American Technical Institute for Vocational Education) started their project mid-March 2011. The construction is phase one of four construction projects. N.A.T.I.V.E is an education institution, where adults and students from the Kayenta Unified School District can take classes from this program and become certified in many fields of expertise such as nursing, automotive technology, heavy equipment machinery, video production, culinary arts, hospitality, veterinarian assistant, and childcare.



4 - Recreation Park and Skate Park

September 02, 2006, after years of planning and construction the Kayenta Recreation Center (KRC) was officially dedicated and opened to the public Today, the Kayenta Township manages the Kayenta Recreation Center (KRC) with a staff of one full-time Recreation Leader and Recreation Leader Assistant. The Kayenta Recreation Center has a mission to increase active lifestyles 7-Welcome to Kayenta Sign for families and youth. The recreation center has a basketball court, volleyball court, exercise equipment, free weights, concession area, media room, outside playground, state of the art Skate/BMX Park, Gazebos and walking trails. The formations in the Kayenta area as they protrude out of the earth. center is open to the public year around.







5 - Kayenta Multipurpose Justice Center

The Navajo Nation Department of Corrections summited for the ARRA funds and was awarded funding for the project. Currently, the project is underway with the help of the Navajo Nation Department of Corrections, the Kayenta Township, PARSONS, and Bitco-Kitchell. Bitco-Kitchell has mobilized to the site to begin construction.

6 - Kayenta Public Library

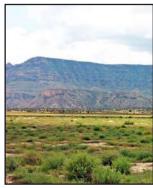
A Memorandum of Agreement was drafted between the Navajo Nation Library, the Kayenta Township Commission, and the Navajo County Library to address a permanent library for the town of Kayenta. Through this effort the library was established and is now located behind the Kayenta Township offices. When fully operational, the community will have access to free Wi-Fi internet, books, and educational





Built in 2010 as a gateway to the community of Kayenta to welcome visitors from all over the world. The "Welcome to Kayenta" sign depicts the color





8 - Re-Seeding Project

From December 2004 to August 2005, the Kayenta Township reseeded 1600 acres of rangeland for dust control purposes. The reseeding project was undertaken because of complaints from Kayenta businesses, community members and visitors to do something about the excessive dust. Over grazing on the land had led to huge sand storms that engulfed the community with a huge red cloud of sand. This land outside of the Township's boundary was reseeded and fenced off to prevent any more over grazing by livestock. The project was done in cooperation with the Soils and Conservation Office, the Kayenta Chapter and a community task force





9 - Highway N591

Highway N591 is located at the junction of Highways 160 and 163 and was a dirt road for many years that lead south to the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds, the Kayenta Flea Market and to the community of Chilchinbeto, AZ. In the summer of 2010, 0.6 miles of pavement was laid down and drainage control was installed by Keyah Construction. This project was funded by the Navajo Nation Fuel excise tax.





10 - Kayenta Alternative Rural Community Hospital

Spearheading this project is Flintco, Inc.. The project is currently underway, and has an anticipated schedule of 3 years for final completion. The facility will be 182,000 sq.ft., and will include 129 unit staff housing quarters built on a 64 acre site. The Kayenta Township is working with Indian Health Services to upgrade all existing utilities to this site to accommodate future economic growth in the South East Quadrant of the Kayenta Township. The new hospital has a three year project schedule and upon completion, the hospital will provide services to over 75,000 people per year. The hospital will create long-term employment in many fields





11 - Airport Access Road

The Kayenta Township entered into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the design and engineering of the Kayenta airport access road. The project was a collaboration effort between the FAA, Arizona Department of Transportation, and the Kayenta Township. Design and engineering for the entrance road intersection on Highway 160 for the airport and Kayenta's new hospital were completed during construction. Future installation of traffic lights will reduce the impact of increased traffic flow created by the new hospital and airport.





12- Kayenta Airport Reconstruction

The Kayenta Airport is located two miles southeast of the central business district. It covers an area of 140 acres and is owned and operated by Kayenta Township. A 6.4 million dollar grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration allowed the reconstruction of the aging Kayenta Airport in the spring of 2008. Completed in the summer of 2009 by Michael Phillips and Margie Drilling from Los Angeles, CA and in coordination and support from Armstrong Consultants the reconstructed airport reopened to air traffic. As a result, the airport also has a master plan on file at the township that provides guidelines for the future development of the airport.

13 - Township Boundary Fencing

The goal of completely fencing in the Kayenta Township boundaries is to keep any livestock or animals out of the Township boundaries to prevent animals from getting hit on the roads in the community. This also allows community members and businesses to plant trees, grass



14 - 500,000 Indian Health Service Gallon Water Tanks

The Kayenta Township entered into an agreement with the Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) for the design and construction of two 500,000 gallon water tanks and a new water distribution system with larger sized lines. The agreement helped upgrade the Kayenta sewage treatment and disposal facilities to accommodate new housing, the new hospital, and new businesses. I.H.S. did 100% of the design and construction. The Township's purpose for the larger sized water tanks and water distribution system is to not only accommodate the new hospital, but to also alleviate the water pressure problems facing existing and future businesses along the US Hwy 160 corridor. The expansion of water lines to the new hospital will allow future businesses and residents in the area to utilize the new infrastructure

15 - Kayenta Cemetary Beautification Project

Installation of wrought iron fencing with split faced CMU blocks with cap stones. A new larger entrance with wrought iron gates including pedestrian access gate. Completion date is estimated March 2012.

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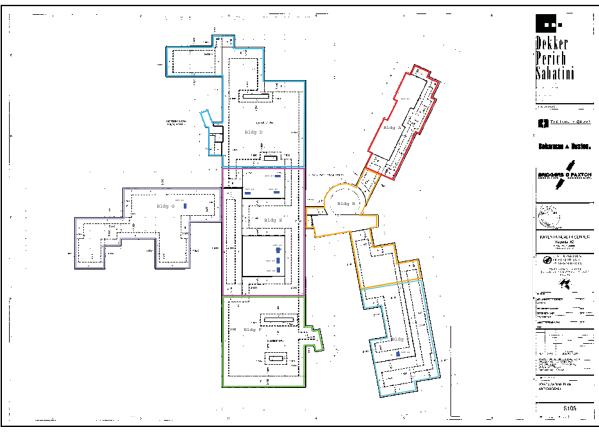
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Flintco, Inc Working Diligently on the Kayenta IHS Hospital



Iron workers installing iron beams high above the ground at the new Kayenta IHS Hospital Site. *Photos & Blueprints: Flintco, INC.*





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