









JACK AHASTEEN IS BACK

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren announced renowned editorial cartoonist Jack Ahasteen is the official cartoonist for Nygren News, a new publication that fact-checks with accountable storytelling. Nygren News is an outlet to stay in the know with President Nygren.

Mr. Ahasteen began his 52-year-long career at the Navajo Times as an illustrator. He was hired by the late reporter and editor Bill Donovan, who asked him for a cartoon week after week. He is known for his perceptive caricature, timely, funny and acerbic political wit portrayed with a distinct Navajo flavor.

"My dad proved his commitment to the Navajo people and beyond with his unwavering advocacy through his illustrations that were, and are, well-researched," said his daughter Calandra Allen.

On June 12, 2024, President Nygren proclaimed the day as "Jack Ahasteen Day" on the Navajo Nation.

President Nygren said the proclamation was a humble way to honor Mr. Ahasteen's outstanding contributions to the Navajo Nation and his enduring legacy as an artist, storyteller and cultural ambassador.

"Jack Ahasteen's unique style, blending traditional Navajo symbolism with modern comic art, has become instantly recognizable and has earned him a place as an iconic figure in Navajo society," the proclamation reads.



We celebrate his achievements, express our gratitude for his dedication and reaffirm our commitment to supporting and nurturing the artistic talents within our community.

WHAT IS NYGREN NEWS?

Nygren News is a free publication highlighting projects that benefit the Navajo Nation and people. We provide quality news and resources to the Navajo people from Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and his administration. Our media coverage is fair, informative and is a resource tool where Navajo people get to "STAY IN THE KNOW WITH THE PRESIDENT".





WESTERN AGENCY HOSTS THE 2ND PEOPLE'S STATE OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BY PRESIDENT BUU NYGREN

It is with a profound sense of gratitude and responsibility that I provide this update to you in this new year - 2025. As we look back on the past year and forward into 2025, I begin by acknowledging the strength and determination of our people.

Together we have navigated many challenges, but we have also celebrated victories, and we are working to forge a path toward a better and brighter future.

This year signifies more than just a new calendar year. It represents an opportunity for us all to come together to heal our community, and to work together in unity, purpose and collaboration. The challenges we face as a community, whether environmental, social or economical, are issues that require our combined and united efforts.

As Navajo leaders and community members, we have a responsibility to protect our culture, uphold the well-being of our families and foster a sustainable environment for our children. I am committed to ensure that our initiatives reflect the needs and aspirations of everyone within our Nation.

We have taken bold steps to revitalize the economy, strengthen our financial foundation, create new jobs and uplift our entrepreneurs.

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Our investments have developed successful hospitality establishments to fuel our economies.

- The Shonto Hotel will have its grand opening in February 2025 and is projected to generate \$250,000 in annual revenue and 30 jobs. The Nation invested \$17 million in this project. Delighted that we are close to completion.
- The \$22.5 million Shiprock Pinnacle Hotel will create 40 jobs and bring in \$250,000 in annual tax revenue. Initially launched eight years ago, we started construction in October.
- Last year we successfully acquired Goulding's Lodge, which is projected to generate \$7 million in annual revenue starting February 2025. This project created more than 300 jobs for our people.
- In 2024, our Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise's
 Horseman's Lodge, located just outside of
 Flagstaff, was placed into trust in November.
 NNGE plans to reopen it as a restaurant and has
 the option to operate a limited number of
 gaming machines. This project will bring 100
 new jobs. Every dollar of rent paid to the Navajo
 Nation from NNGE's lease with the Navajo
 Nation will benefit the Diné Relocatee Fund.

We saw much success with tourism.

Admission to **tribal parks and museums** was up almost 30%. We had more than 1.9 million visitors to Navajo Tribal parks last year - an increase from 1.5 million visitors in 2023.

Together, Navajo parks and the museum generated \$15.5 million in revenue. This is an opportunity for more development.

Our Navajo Tax Commission generated \$140.7 million in tax revenue for the Navajo Nation last year - 26% above projections, marking one of the highest annual collections in the Commission's history.

Much of this success is attributed to tourism. The Hotel Occupancy Tax exceeded initial estimates by 173%. This growth reflects the administration's efforts to rebuild the economy, attract visitors and showcase the beauty of our Navajo Nation.

THIS FIRST QUARTER OF FY25 ALONE, THE NATION COLLECTED \$47.4 MILLION, WHICH IS OVER THE PROJECTIONS BY \$9.5 MILLION.

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When I took office, I launched the **1,000 Home Initiative**, which has made significant progress using ARPA funds with 474 finalized housing contracts completed. As of today, we are in different phases of processing and building approximately 680 homes. Here are some highlights:

- About 90 homes will benefit the Former Bennett Freeze Area, Navajo Partitioned Lands, and relocatee areas such as Nahat'a Dziil.
- We have completed renovations for six homes in Shiprock, Rock Point, Lukachukai, Pinon and Dilkon through the BIA HIP program, doubling last year's effort. We have delivered seven manufactured homes using ARPA funds with 10 more in progress.
- Our Navajo Division of Community Development is building 360 modular homes using \$55.1 million in ARPA funds. CHID expects to produce an additional 272 homes this year.
- This year the BIA HIP program will spend \$12.5 million of annual and ARPA funds to build 104 homes and renovate five.

BUILDING HOMES SN 10883 BIA HIP HOMES DELIVERED AS PART OF THE 1,000 HOME INITIATIVE LAUNCHED IN 2022

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BUILDING HOMES, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WITH ARPA FUNDS



This past year, I also signed an Interagency Agreement with Speaker Curley to ensure we can spend the ARPA funds. I am happy that all \$2 billion in ARPA funds have been obligated, with at least \$5.6 million going to a future hardship program that will benefit our neediest and most vulnerable community members.

The Interagency Agreement is significant because the Council dramatically streamlined the process for the executive branch for making changes to the existing Fiscal Recovery Funds expenditure plans. This agreement removed much of the red tape that was preventing the executive branch from putting Fiscal Recovery Funds into the projects that the Navajo People need.

In addition, the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has fully encumbered its \$50 million ARPA allocation for new housing construction, prioritizing our veterans with the most need. We renegotiated some of these contracts to build more Navajo veterans' homes. This program will build a total of 155 homes. We have seen some real progress.

So far, we have built 13 homes and completed renovations for three. An additional 22 homes are under construction, while one renovation is in progress.

We continue to build indoor bathrooms for our elders and families. In partnership with the DCD and NECA, 12 work orders have been issued to construct 449 bathroom additions for families in need

As of December 2024:

- 251 bathroom additions were under construction.
- 128 bathroom additions are fully completed. That's an impressive increase from just 27 completed projects by the second quarter of FY2024

Ensuring every Navajo family has access to clean, reliable water is one of the Navajo Nation's top priorities. We introduced two major water rights bills into the U.S. Congress last year, the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Right Settlement Act and the Navajo Nation Rio San Jose Stream System Water Right Settlement Act. While no Indian water rights bills advanced including ours, we will reintroduce both bills this year and continue to push to safeguard the resources our communities rely on.

On January 14, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Toutin announced an additional \$120 million to support the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. This project will benefit 43 Eastern Navajo Nation Chapters. We thank Senator Ben Ray Lujan and Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez for their continued support and advocacy and other congressional champions who fight for Navajo.

IN 2024, NECA AND IHS CONNECTED 258 HOMES TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND ANOTHER 850 HAVE BEEN IMPROVED ACROSS NAVAJO.

Construction began on three wastewater treatment plants in Kayenta, Chinle and Shiprock. Additionally, nine major water projects were launched, including the Aneth Water Treatment Arsenic Removal System, a water loading station, and two deep-water wells in Chilchinbeto and Tsaile.



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NTUA extended waterlines and septic systems to 109 families, installed 29 water cisterns and septic systems, replaced the Dilkon Waterline Booster Station, and placed Lower Greasewood Water Treatment Plant in service.

In 2025, NTUA will bring water infrastructure to 575 more homes. Our Department of Water Resources repaired 754 windmills in 2024, supporting ranchers and farmers, and constructed 26 miles of water pipelines, up 37% from the previous year.

In 2025 DWR will repair 700 more windmills and double pipeline construction to 53 miles.

Two transformative projects broke ground in 2024:

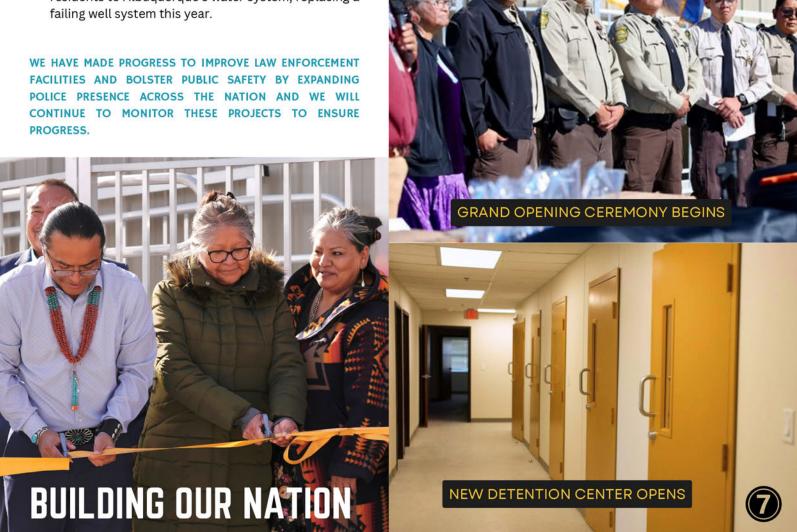
- The Beacon Bisti Water Project, a \$7 million initiative, will bring clean water to over 6,800 residents in eight communities with a 46-mile pipeline, which is part of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project.
- The Tohajilee Water Project, a \$20 million effort to build a 7.5-mile pipeline connecting Tohajilee's 1,600 residents to Albuquerque's water system, replacing a failing well system this year.

On October 24 and December 11, we replaced outdated detention centers in Window Rock and Shiprock with modern 60-by-100 foot modular facilities. This will help address the health and safety concerns for both inmates and staff, and replace structures originally built in the 1950's.

To combat rising criminal activity, Navajo Police established a Northern Area Field Office in an unused Aneth Chapter facility to expand police presence and allowing for patrol and faster emergency response.

A new Eastern Field office was created at the Dzil Nahoodilii (DZ) NPD Substation near Nageezi, N.M. This initiative marks the first phase of District 8 police operations, which will be fully staffed with commanders, officers, and administrative support by the end of FY 2025.

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Through **FEMA** project grants and administration, we have streamlined the reimbursement process for our chapters and have engaged the community in several emergency preparedness training sessions. Our Department of Emergency Management secured \$275,00 in FEMA reimbursements this past year for local chapter houses. DEM also provided emergency resources to 17 chapters across our lands, assisting over 40,000 people. Engaging community members ensure that they understand the resources available to them and are prepared for emergencies that may arise.

By extending our emergency medical coverage to communities like Ojo Amarillo, we are ensuring the health and safety of our people and demonstrate that we will always put the well-being of our members first.

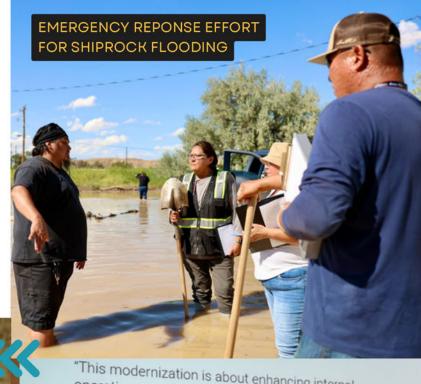
The Department of Internal Affairs and the Navajo Police Department are reestablishing the Police Motorcycle Unit. This exemplifies our proactive approach to deter traffic violations and enhance the presence of law enforcement across our Nation.

WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO MODERNIZE OUR GOVERNMENT, STREAMLINE THE HIRING PROCESS AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

The new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is being implemented to streamline the Navajo Nation's finance, procurement and human resources systems.

Our Department of Personnel Management launched our online application portal in September 2024 to simplify the job application process. Last year, 2,992 job vacancies were posted, 7,557 applications were received, and 753 positions were filled. Since the launch of the online portal, 2,355 applications were submitted, enabling hiring programs to be completed within five days.

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"This modernization is about enhancing internal operations and delivering better services. After 20 years of patchwork systems, it's time for an overhaul. ERP will make accounting and payments significantly faster and more efficient. By letting the system handle routine tasks, our employees can focus on more meaningful work. And by reducing consulting fees, we expect to save millions annually."

- Controller Sean McCabe

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Our Department of Information Technology used \$6 Million in ARPA funds to strengthen the Nation's cybersecurity. This will safeguard approximately 5,000 users.

In 2024, our Navajo Broadband Office developed a "Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Plan" to construct 78 new towers and extend 1,526 miles of fiber network to serve 35,000 homes at an estimated cost of \$271 million.

ARPA Funds enabled upgrades to 33 sites with 4G capability across the Nation. In 2025, NNBBO will secure at least \$200 million in BEAD funding from Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Over \$3 million has been allocated to Diné College and Navajo Technical University to support students with connectivity essential for academic success.

Additionally, \$528,000 will be invested to connect more than 50 chapters using Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite technology.

As we celebrate our achievements, I want to reiterate our fundamental duty to protect our environment. Climate change continues to pose significant threats to our land, water and way of life.

OUR TECHNOLOGY
FUTURE

In 2024, one of Navajo EPA's key achievement was the swift removal of asbestos at the Navajo Forest Product Industries site in September 2024.

Senior centers play a vital role in supporting our elders. We've made progress in opening new centers and renovating existing ones.

The Tselani/Cottonwood Senior Center, a \$3.27 million, 4,000-square-foot facility, opened on June 28, 2024, serving 380+ community members. Nation-wide, \$184 million in Sihanin funds will support senior center projects across the Nation, with \$148 million funding 87 projects. The Department of Health assessed 15 major construction projects and completed renovations on 64 centers.

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Last year, the Pueblo Pintado Senior Center began serving 81 seniors daily, and the Ganado Senior/Veteran Center continues operations. Renovations funded by NM House Bill 308 in Tohajilee, Baca Prewitt, Ramah, Chichiltah, and Crownpoint are set to finish by the end of 2025. By mid-2025, we aim to expand nutrition programs, launch a senior-youth mentorship program, and create virtual activities for seniors with mobility challenges.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE Our Facilities Maintenance Department was allocated \$16 million four years ago to make Navajo government facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Between October and December 2024, the Division of General Services completed 11 ADA projects in Western and Central Navajo Agencies. These ADA upgrades include restroom stalls, toilets, handles, ramps, parking pads, parking lot signage, and access buttons to get in and out of buildings.

These ADA upgrades also kept out dollars in the Navajo Nation by awarding \$4 Million to three small Navajo businesses. When contracts like these go to our small businesses, we empower Navajo lives from multiple angles. Going into 2025, we will spend an additional \$12 million on ADA projects. In 2025, we plan on supporting projects at the Tuba City Senior Center and Gadii'ahi Complex.



I am happy to report that we finalized the site for the new Gallup Indian Medical Center in Gamerco.

To support **Urban Diné relatives**, our Navajo divisions and programs are working to secure the purchase of a medical facility in Phoenix to offer services to Navajo citizens living in the metro area. The goal is to have the facility accredited, fully staffed, and operational to provide comprehensive services by 2026.

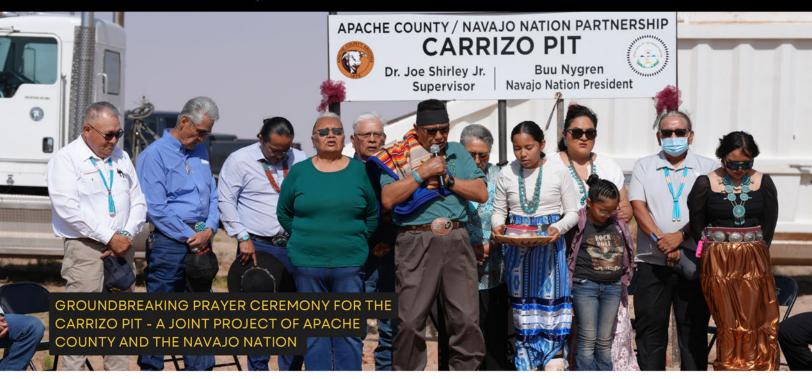
I am happy to report that we finalized the site for the new Gallup Indian Center in Gamerco. We invested \$8.1 million in the Chinle Airstrip to improve emergency transportation, and the Navajo Nation broke ground on a \$200 million Echo Cliffs Healthcare Center in Bodaway-Gap, in Western Navajo. This new facility will bring medical services closer to our people and have \$1 billion economic impact.

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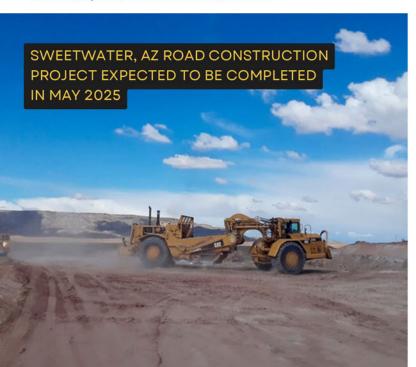
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DINÉ BINANT'A'Í HANE' BINAALTSOOS



Moving forward, addressing infrastructure needs remains a top priority for our administration. The Navajo Department of Transportation has taken significant steps to improve our roadways and ensure the safety of our transportation systems. The completion of Project N7054 in Pinedale, costing approximately \$7.7 million, is an example of how we're enhancing our infrastructure while addressing drainage issues that impact our communities.

IN ADDITION, NDOT BLADED 1,450 MILES, REPLACED 7 CULVERTS, AND FILLED 362 POTHOLES.





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In addition, Navajo DOT will apply for bridge construction funding for 71 bridges across Navajo. Beyond 2025, the estimated FHWA road construction projects for 2026 is \$146.7 million.

Finally, this year I would like to meet with the Controller and the Navajo Council to develop an ambitious plan to borrow \$1 billion of our own money to invest into our communities and to stimulate our economy. We must start investing in ourselves.

We have an impressive multi-billion-dollar investment portfolio, but if we don't have an economy or if our Navajo people keep leaving the Nation, this portfolio means nothing. Every leader talks about sovereignty. Using our own money and allowing it to work for us is the ultimate exercise of sovereignty.



As we look to the year ahead, it is clear that cooperation is key. We stand at a crossroads faced with the opportunity to implement transformative changes across various sectors of our government. Ensuring that our initiatives reflect the needs of our people and that we maintain transparency in our processes are paramount to our success.



To the Navajo people, I encourage each of you listening today to engage with the issues before us, express your thoughts, and to hold us accountable as your leaders. Our governance is only as strong as the voices of our people who inspire and guide it.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your dedication, resilience, and unwavering support as we embark on this journey together. The past year has shown us the strength of our community and the power of collaboration.

As we face the challenges that lie ahead, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles that unite us: the importance of family, the need for sustainability, and the desire for a thriving and prosperous future for every member of the Navajo Nation

Together, we can achieve remarkable things. Let us continue to work hand in hand to advance the well-being of our communities, restore our lands, empower our youth, and ensure the culture that defines us as a Nation is preserved.

I am confident that with your support, we will build a future where our voices resonate in the halls of government, and where the dreams and aspirations of our Diné people come to fruition.

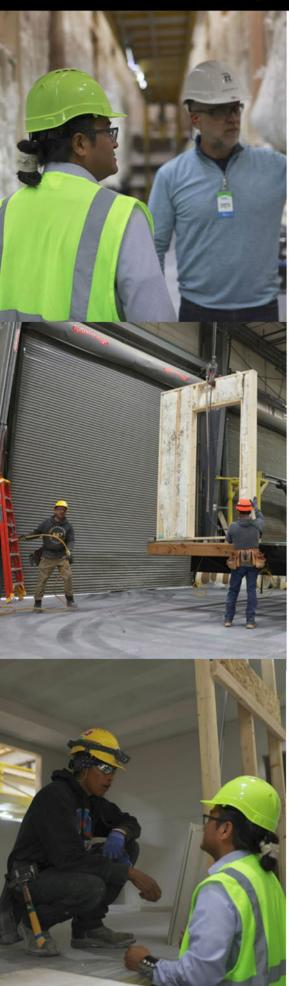
Thank you, Navajo Nation! Together, let us usher in a year filled with hope, determination, and promise. Ahe'hee'



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K MISSION TO BUILD 1,000 HOMES

On Jan. 30, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren ensured that one of the Navajo Nation's highest priorities comes to life.

He toured Clayton Homes construction warehouse Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program and Navajo Community Housing and Infrastructure (CHID) houses are being built.

"When I took office, I told voters that I would bring homes to our Diné under the 1,000 Home Initiative. Today, we are making progress on that vision."

To achieve this goal, it means ensuring that the Navajo Nation's most vulnerable families receive affordable, highquality homes because they deserve stability, security, and a place to call their own.

"I grew up like many Navajo children—without electricity & running water, in a small, rundown home," said President Nygren. "That experience shaped my understanding of what our people need. Given the opportunity to lead, I vowed to help provide families with homes where they can feel safe."

McClanahan reported that Homes Direct has delivered 11 homes to date, with 10 more in production and 371 pending work orders. Three developers are working to complete 150 homes. Each warehouse can build four homes per week, meaning 12 homes are completed weekly.

President Nygren thanked General Manager of Clayton Homes in Albuquerque Vance McMillan, President of Developer Division with Homes Direct Greg McClanahan, Acting Department Manager for CHID Patrick Dalgai, and Division Director for the Navajo Division of Community Development Candice Yazzie for their efforts in building homes.







The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was established to use any remaining indemnity payment in excess of the amount necessary to guarantee the subsequent crop year's insurance premiums to fund and implement agriculture infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation

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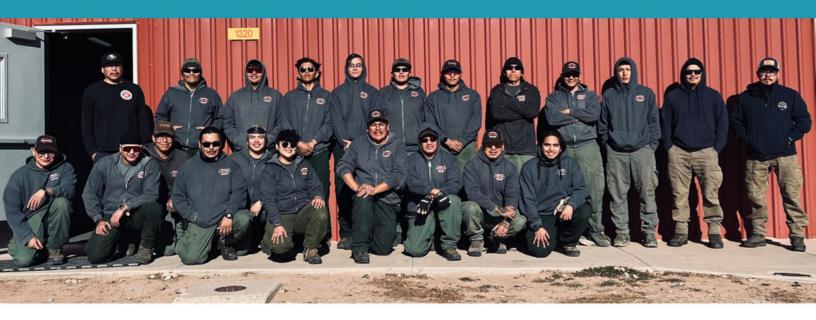
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NAVAJO SCOUTS RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

During the height of the wildfires in Los Angeles County, the Navajo Scouts were deployed to the area to help control the wildfires.

The Navajo Scouts, a Type 2 IA team, answered the call to help fight and protect the thousands of people in LA County. Many in Los Angeles had to evacuate their homes.

Since departing in early January, the Navajo Scouts were on a 14-day mission and assigned to the Eaton Fire, one of several wildfires that ravaged the region. As of this writing, the Eaton Fire is now considered contained, charring approximately 14,021 acres according to reports by Cal Fire.

When the Navajo Scouts were deployed, President Nygren asked the Navajo public to issue prayers. In total, there were 23 fire fighters, including a courageous female wild land firefighter, who fought the Eaton blaze.

The Eaton Fire began on January 7 and forced massive evacuations, destroying homes and property, and tragically resulting in 17 lives lost.

The cause of the Eaton Fire, along with other fires, is still under investigation. However, extreme fire behavior in Southern California is attributed to the Santa Ana winds combined with the dry conditions that have been exacerbated by climate change.

The Navajo Scouts are trained and available to combat fires like these for ten months out of the year. They represent various communities across the Navajo Nation, united in their mission to help those in need.

PRESIDENT NYGREN IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SCOUTS' SAFE RETURN AND WISHES THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND THOSE IMPACTED WITH HEALING ENERGY IN THEIR RECOVERY.











WARM HEARTS: ANONYMOUS DONOR PROVIDES COATS TO THE NAVAJO PEOPLE AMID FREEZING TEMPERATURES

Nearly 2,000 coats were distributed to Diné people in and around Shiprock, as well as the broader Northern Navajo Agency, on January 24, thanks to an anonymous donor.

The coat drive was organized by former Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer, Pastor Robert Tso of Victory Life Church, staff from the Office of the President, and Northern Agency Veterans Commanders in collaboration with the nonprofit Operation Warm, based in Salt Lake City.

The coats, available in a variety of colors, arrived just in time, as temperatures across the Navaio Nation plummeted, with some nights dipping into the negatives.

Additional partners included volunteers from the Shiprock Chapter and Comes As You Are Ministries. Some coats were also given to students from Dream Diné Charter and Shiprock Associated Schools Inc.

Our deepest thanks to this anonymous donor for their generous support for our Diné people during this challenging time, as well as to all the community volunteers and organizers who braved the cold to distribute these jackets.

Jackets serve as our robes and shawls, providing shelter, warmth, and security.







DINÉ BIZAAD: OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Earlier this month, during the Second People's State of the Nation event at Greyhills Academy High School, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren signed Executive Order No. 01-2025, which directs Executive Branch's Divisions, Departments, Commissions, Offices and Programs to find ways to implement and use the Navajo language throughout the workday.

THE EXECUTIVE ORDER COMES AFTER THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL PASSED LEGISLATION CODIFYING DINÉ BIZAAD AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE NAVAJO NATION. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, PRESIDENT NYGREN SIGNED THE COUNCIL'S BILL INTO LAW.

On Tuesday, January 14, in front of over 1,500 attendees at the SONN, President Nygren signed the executive order.

In celebration of this significant moment, 300 books were distributed to Navajo youth who attended his second address as a start to help encourage them to learn and speak Navajo by reading and sounding out the language.

The executive order requires at least one Navajo word or phrase to be included in written documents.

The Office of the President will begin offering Navajo classes for the public and my team will begin in-person Navajo language lessons.

For non-Diné Bizaad speaking staff employed with the tribal government, they will have the opportunity to learn the language.

The executive order also specifies how the Navajo Nation government will include street signs and signs in office spaces that spell out both the English and Navajo translations.

Ensuring this huge step not only continues to preserve the beautiful Diné Bizaad for the current generations of Diné people but for the most precious resource, the future generations.

"This is just the beginning of a bright future ahead for the 2025 year," President Nygren said. "Yá'at'ééh dóó ahxéhee' nitsxaago!"



Tónaneesdizí

Áltséedi dimóo yéedáá' Libá Dah Yisk'idi naaki góne' diné bich'i' hane'ánáánálnééh bił hwiil'a'. Diné binant'a'í Buu Nygren bee haz'áanii ła' bizhi' yikáá' áyiilaah, Executive Order No. 01-2025 bee wójíigo Diné Biwáashindoon naanish bił nahaz'áádóó naaltsoos hanidéhíí éí ííshjá łahdóó diné bizaad bikáá' danéedéehgo ádaalne' dooleeł níigo bee haz'áanii ályaah.

Bee haz'áanii bee na'anish bik'eh áhoolyaah Béésh Baah Dah Si'ání bee haz'áanii yee lá' aslíí' Diné Bizaad áltsé bee yáti'doo Diné bináhasdzoh bikáagi. Késhmish be'e'e'aah Diné Binant'a'í bee haz'áanii bizhi' yikáá' áyiilaahgo bee haz'áanii silíí'.

Damóo dóó naakijí, Yas Niłt'ees díí'ts'áadah góne', t'ááłáhí dimííl dóó bi'aa ashdladi neeznádiin diné áłah nilíigo SONN bił hoo'a'di binááł Diné Binant'a'í Nygren bee haz'áanii bee nidoonishii bizhi' ayiilaah.

Bee iłhózhó bee ahxééhwiinidzin binahji' táadi neeznádiin naaltsoos diné k'ehgo hadilyaaígíí áłchíní bitaas'nii' díí binahji' dine bizaad bee yáłti' dóó yínółta' bíhwiidooł'ááł bidooniid.

"Náádímóo hanááhoolzhiigo sháda'ínííshdóó diné bizaad bína'niltingo hahalzhíísh shá nidaalnishíí éí t'áá nihił haz'ánígi nida'bi'dinitin dooleeł," ní Diné Binant'a'í Nygren.

Bee haz'áanii bee na'anishii éí naaltsoos ádaalne'íí diné bizaad t'ááłá'í da, áłts'íísígo ha'oodzíi'go bit'ah danéedéehgo ádaalne' dooleeł.

Diné biwáashindoon yá nidaalnishíí doo diné bizaad yee yáłti'íí, diné bizaad bíhoo'aah bich'i' aa'át'ée dooleeł.

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"Díí bee hahoolzhiizh dooleeł díí 2025 hánáánááhxaiígíí biyi' góne'," ní Diné binant'a'í. "Yá'át'ééh dóó nitsxaago ahxéhee'!"









NAVAJO SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM

The Navajo Special Diabetes Program (NSDP) operates seven service area locations across the Navajo Nation. These include five wellness centers situated in the Crownpoint, Shiprock, Fort Defiance, Dilkon, and Tuba City Service Areas.

The NSDP initiatives focus on providing weekly education through a culturally tailored, best practices curriculum, along with toolkits and activities aimed at enhancing participants' knowledge and skills. This enables them to make informed and healthy lifestyle choices in both group and individual settings. Below are the key activities offered by the NSDP, as well as some additional non-related activities:

- Community-Based Diabetes Education: This initiative utilizes the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES), Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) and the PreventT2 Curriculum in various settings, including communities. schools, private organizations, and faith-based programs, as well as state and local government initiatives.
- Community-Based Nutrition Education: This includes designing and implementing food demonstrations, such as Traditional Foods Demonstrations and Modern Recipe Demonstrations, based on the MyPlate guidelines and the My Native Food Plate. These are conducted in community settings, schools, private organizations, and faith-based institutions.
- Community-Based Physical Activity and Education: This program promotes physical activity in community settings, adhering to physical activity guidelines for Americans.

- Wellness Center Services: These services align with the Fitour guidelines and include Personal Training and Group Fitness sessions.
- Mass Media Intervention: This strategy promotes health education through various media channels.

These initiatives are designed to support the overall health and well-being of the Navajo community.



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or email: nsdp.shiprock@navajo-nsn.gov

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KNOW YOUR FACTS, STAY INFORMED ON THE IMMIGRATION MATTER

FACTS

- The Navajo Nation received several reports that Navajo citizens living in urban areas were being detained by immigration agents by way of "immigration sweeps" and that Navajos' citizenship was being questioned.
- We spent the last 24 hours following each lead and tip we received.
- Not one report was confirmed or could be substantiated.
- We have met with other tribal leaders living close to the US-Mexican Border and they have reported no unusual activity.
- Any tips can be emailed to Yolanda Azua at yolanda.azua@navajo-nsn.gov
- We will follow up on these tips and ensure that our Diné citizens are protected.

TIPS

- · Carry a state-issued identification card.
- If you are stopped and questioned, do not escalate the situation and comply with law enforcement if asked to verify your identity.
- Law enforcement officials may hold you until your citizenship status is determined.
- QUESTION SOCIAL MEDIA: Please question what you read on social media and the source.
- · Always be aware of your surroundings and stay safe!

We encourage individuals to remain calm and be assured that our collaborative efforts with local, state, and federal law enforcement are ongoing to ensure community safety.

Rising fears of ICE raids have caused significant anxiety among Diné citizens in Albuquerque, Phoenix, and other border areas.

Although my office has only received a few unconfirmed reports to date, we have diligently followed up on those leads. We have designated the "Operation Rainbow Bridge" tip line to field calls for my office on this issue.

My administration has also been working with other tribal leaders in the Southwest near the border who are more familiar with this issue. We have also been in contact with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, state and federal Senate and House representatives, and the office of the governors for Arizona and New Mexico.

We advise Navajos to carry stateissued identification, such as a driver's license or other picture identification if available. Having your state ID is crucial, and if you possess a CIB, it can provide an additional layer of reassurance.



TIP LINE: (855) 435-7672

info@operationrainbowbridge.com Operationrainbowbridge.com







NAVAJO LEADERS WELCOME TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

President Nygren and various Council Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined Congressional leaders in welcoming President Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States.

As part of the inauguration activities, the Navajo Nation Washington Office hosted a reception in Washington, D.C.

It is important that the Navajo Nation work with the new administration on advancing shared priorities including respecting tribal sovereignty, improving economic development, and providing safe sustainable housing, among other priorities.

The Trump Administration's willingness to work with the Navajo Nation underscores the administration's commitment to addressing issues such as water rights, economic development, and sovereignty restoration.

President Nygren also had key discussions during the visit including meetings with Congresswoman Harriet Hageman, Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Wildlife, Fisheries, Water, and Congressman Bruce Westerman, Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee.

These conversations focused on the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement, a cornerstone legislative priority aimed at securing water security and access for the Navajo Nation.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE FORMER NAVAJO NATION VICE PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER, FORMER SECOND LADY DOTTIE LIZER, MISS NAVAJO NATION RANISHA BEGAY, SPEAKER CRYSTALYNE CURLEY, AND MEMBERS OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.









NEW ELECTRIC LINE INSTALLED – ENHANCED POWER SUPPLY AND EFFICIENCY FOR BURNHAM CHAPTER

The Burnham Chapter worked on a new electric line project to aid 15 residents with electricity.

The first electric line was built between 2004 and 2005. It was the first major electric line that drew power from the Newcomb grid line, that went into Burnham and powered over 55 homes in the community.

Prior to this project, the Burnham Chapter received a waterline in October 2024. This was a small step towards surrounding communities receiving resources that will benefit their homes.

Currently, the project is working with right of ways on homes that may not have adequate wiring, where wiring is not fully completed or has no wiring at all. With the assistance from NTUA, wiring can be brought up to standard.

The project is funded by the State of New Mexico and Navajo Nation ARPA funds with the help of NTUA.

With state funding ending in June 2025, the chapter is applying again in an attempt to extend funding that will be used to expand power lines to others in the community.

"A NEW ELECTRIC LINE WOULD PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE LARGE POPULATION OF RANCHERS, FARMERS AND STUDENTS, AS WELL AS TO DINÉ RETURNING HOME, AS ELECTRICITY AND WATER BECOME INCREASINGLY AVAILABLE," SAID PRESIDENT NYGREN

At least five people have been served while 10 more are in line.

"We are very thankful for (the) Nygren Administration for doing all he can to help us," said Harrison LaMone, President of Burnham Chapter.

President Nygren thanked Mr. LaMone, for the faith he had in himself and his administration.

"And thank you for working with the administration so we can all work toward a better future for our communities," said President Nygren.





+ SPOTLIGHT:

A FUTURE LEADER FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY FALL INTERN

Neena Shell is a member of the Navajo Nation and a student at Dartmouth University. With a commitment to justice and advocacy, she aspires to attend law school and use her knowledge to uplift and empower tribal communities.

During her internship, Neena made a meaningful impact to our office. Her passion for law combined with her desire to serve the Navajo Nation and other Indigenous communities, is truly inspiring.

Currently, Neena is expanding her global perspective while studying abroad at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. She is on track to graduate next year from Dartmouth University with a degree in Native American and Indigenous Studies & Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. We look forward to Neena's continued success and the positive change she will bring to our people.



SHARE THE WARMTH OAT DRI

In partnership with Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay, and Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, we are collecting gently used or new coats to support community members in need.

<u>Drop-Off Locations:</u>
• Office of the Navajo Nation President

· Office of Miss Navajo Nation - Window Rock Museum

Chevron Locations - Window Rock, Chinle, Blue Gap, & Kayenta

· Navajo Petroleum - Tse Bonito

Your donation will help provide warmth and comfort to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity!







JASMINE BLACKWATER-NYGREN





SUPPORTING NAVAJO STUDENT-ATHLETES

First Lady Nygren attended several Navajo basketball matchups, showing her support for our student-athletes and their communities.

Monument Valley High School's Homecoming game, where the Mustangs faced off against the undefeated Chinle Lady Wildcats, who continued their winning streak with another hard-fought victory.

An intense matchup between the Kirtland Central Lady Broncos and the Gallup Lady Bengals, where the Lady Broncos secured a 52-38 victory.

Together with President Nygren, she attended Chinle High School's Senior Night, as the Lady Wildcats as they took on the Page Lady Sand Devils and claimed another win.

Both also joined fans for a rivalry game at President Nygren's alma mater in Red Mesa between the Redskins and the Rock Point Cougars.

To all the families, coaches, officials, and fans, thank you for your support. Your presence makes a difference in the lives of these young athletes. Let's continue to uplift and celebrate the achievements of our students. Wishing all our Navajo schools the best of luck in their upcoming games. Travel safely and keep supporting our youth.











Blanca Peak in Colorado is a sacred mountain for us Diné, as told by our Holy People, marking a boundary we should stay within. Covered in White Shell, it symbolizes dawn and positive thoughts. Protected by the Shash, this eastern mountain represents the start of the day. We pray toward the east, to begin our day with positivity.

Amid the many daily uncertainties and challenges we face, it is easy to become overwhelmed. Sis Naajini reminds us to return to our center, to ground ourselves in good thoughts and prayers. As the world continues to change around us, it is in the strength of our practices that we find clarity. Sis Naajini encourages us to stay rooted, to hold tightly on to our values, and to always seek balance within ourselves. Ahéhee' Sis Naajini for blessing us with your guidance and for reminding us of the power we hold when we connect with our true selves.















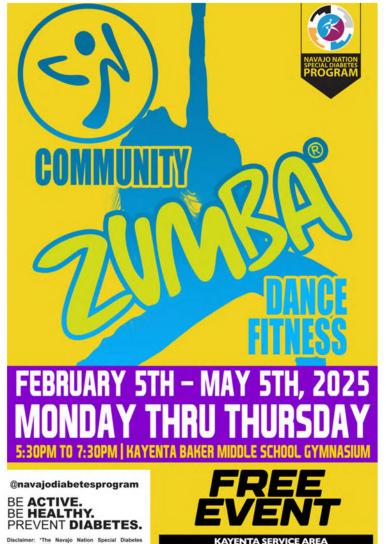
NAVAJO BURIAL ASSISTANCE:

The Burial Assistance Program is designed to offer financial support to Navajo Nation Residents who are face with the unexpected and overwhelming costs of laying their loved ones to rest. Our aim is to ease the financial burden associated with funeral expenses and ensure that our Navajo families can give their loved ones a respectful farewell.

The application and checklist are found on the Navajo Nation Division of Children and Family Services website.







or email: nsdp.kayenta@navajo-nsn.gov



NAVAJOS HEALING NAVAJOS

IT STARTS WITH US. IT STARTS WITH YOU. IT STARTS WITH ME.

Established in 1987, the **Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services (DBMHS**) is the lead agency providing comprehensive substance use, care coordination, education, treatment and aftercare services to Navajo individuals and their families. DBMHS is committed to improving the level of quality health and wellness of each individual and family affected by substance use and/or mental health problems.

Mission: Providing Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services for Native Families.

Vision: Diné Be'iina' Hozhoogo Silá In the Navajo way of life there is beauty before you.

DBMHS has nine (9) outpatient treatment centers across Arizona and three (3) outpatient treatment centers and one (1) residential treatment center in New Mexico.

Our counselors, licensed therapists, and traditional practitioners counselors provide a holistic approach to those seeking help. Our traditional component provides cultural education presentations and Navajo traditional ceremonies and prayers. Traditional counseling services are provided one-on-one focusing on spirituality, cultural teachings, and human development. Traditional group counseling services include the Navajo Wellness Model, cultural education, storytelling, and talking circles.

Navajo Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NRBHA) provides care coordination services for enrolled tribal members with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder.

In addition, DBMHS works with several organizations on the Navajo Nation for crisis response teams and Tradition- al Practitioners assist with Navajo traditional services and ceremonies, as needed.



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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



People can call or text 988, or chat on 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

988 serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live in the United States, you can reach a caring, trained counselor who can help.

988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. This could be thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises or emotional distress.





« EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Staff Assistant Legislative Liaison (3 Positions)

 Individual will work with Navajo Nation Council and oversight committees; focused on communications and completing all projects. Advocating for the Executive Branch goals and priorities, and communicating and collaboration with legislative branch.

Executive Staff Assistant Inter-government Liaison (2 Positions)

 Serves as primary contact between govt. agencies, local and statewide and other state holders to facilitate collaboration, ensure compliance with policies and address shared priorities.

Executive Staff Assistant (Projects ARPA)

 Individual will work with all ARPA funded projects focused on communications and completing all projects. This position ensures compliance with federal regulations, managed resources effectively, supports economic recovery, efforts that benefit the Navajo Nation. Executive Staff Assistant

Executive Staff Assistant (Housing Projects)

 Individual will work with all Housing and Bathroom Addition Projects focused on communications and completing All projects within Community Development and Veterans Dept. Act as a liaison between OPVP and NN Council on current projects.

Executive Staff Assistant (Econ. Dev Projects)

• Individual will work on all Economic Dev. projects focused on job development, revenue, and improve local community.

Executive Staff Assistant (Finance)

Provide high level administrative, and operational, support.
 This role demands exceptional organizational communication and problem-solving skills, with a focus on confidential and attention to detail.

Legal Counsel (2)

 State and Navajo Nation-bar certified, legal advice and support to OPVP to ensure compliance with Navajo Nation Laws, Regulations, and State Laws, and advising on a wide range of legal regulatory matters; 164 review; draft support letters; work with and appoint board members and commissions; coordinate with tribal enterprises to ensure enterprise work is aligned with tribal government goals.

Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management

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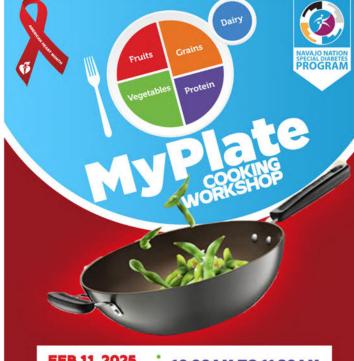


THE PRESIDENT IS ACCEPTING BOARD APPLICATIONS

- DINÉ COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
- NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (NAPI)
- NAVAJO ARTS AND CRAFTS ENTERPRISE (NACE)
- NAVAJO ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NECA)
- NAVAJO GAMING ENTERPRISE
- NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE
- NAVAJO SHOPPING CENTERS, INC. (NNCI)
- NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND A LETTER OF INTEREST ADDRESSED TO NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT BUU NYGREN, ALONG WITH A RESUME AND COPY OF CIB TO BRITTANY.SMITH@NAVAJO-NSN.GOV

BE SURE TO INDICATE THE BOARD YOU ARE APPLYING FOR



FEB 11, 2025 FEB 18, 2025 FEB 25, 2025 MAR 04, 2025 MAR 11, 2025

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