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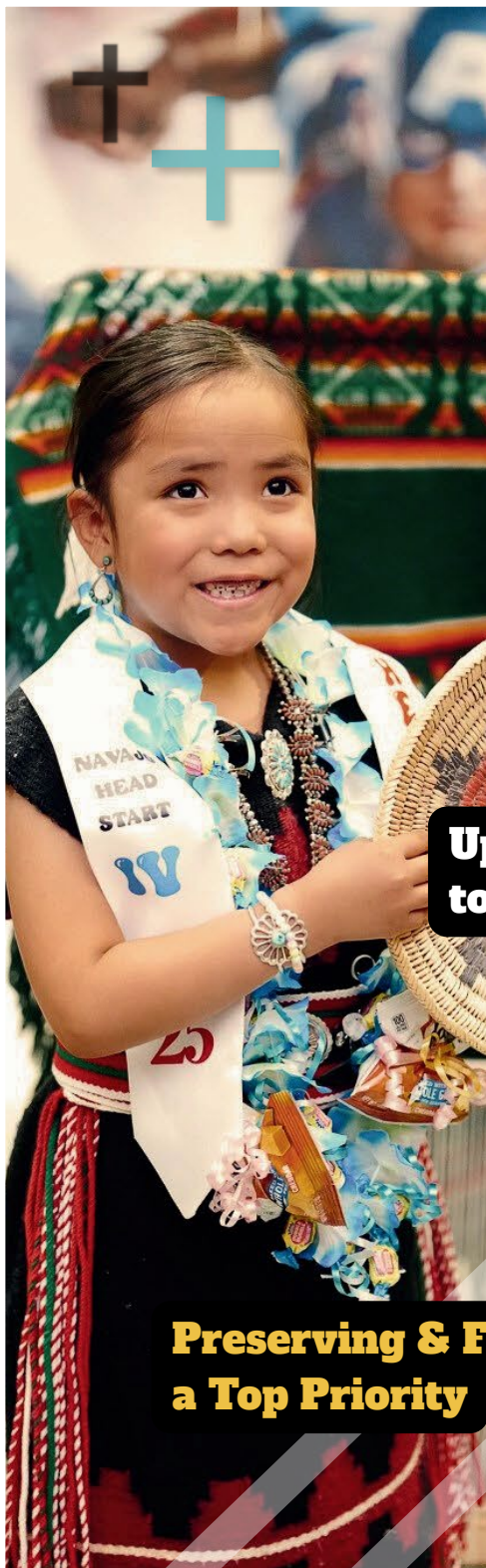
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STAY IN THE KNOW WITH PRESIDENT BUU NYGREN



Hundreds of New Homes Continue to Be Built for Diné Families

Uplifting our Young People is Key to the Future of the Nation

Preserving & Fostering the Navajo Language a Top Priority



TRUNK OR TREAT: A SPOOKTACULAR SUCCESS IN WINDOW ROCK



On October 31, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren hosted a Trunk or Treat celebration that brought hundreds of families together for an evening of Halloween fun, laughter, and community spirit. The highlight of the night was the Haunted House, which transformed the President's hallways into a thrilling maze of spooky surprises and glowing decorations.

Children, parents, and even a few brave elders enjoyed candy-filled trunks, creative costumes, and a lively Photo Booth at the end of the haunted tour. President Nygren's staff played a huge role in the success of the event, volunteering time, decorations, and donations to make it all possible.

The event was a true reminder that when the community comes together, magic happens.



What is Nygren News?

The President proudly distributes "Nygren News" across the Navajo Nation monthly. This FREE newsletter is developed and designed to inform the Navajo people about projects the Nygren Administration is working on.

The November 2025 issue highlights several stories:

- Northern, Alamo, and Western Fairs Close Out the 2025 fair Season
- First Home Delivered in the Eastern Agency
- University of Arizona Unveils Sign in Diné Bizaad
- Indian National Finals Rodeo: Champions Crowned
- Updates on Dennehotso Flooding Efforts

The newsletter includes a special section by First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren.

Nygren News complements other communication platforms like social media, radio and press releases.

Thank you for picking up your free copy of Nygren News at your local gas station, senior center, chapter house, laundromat, or other public gathering space.





The Sun's Gift

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At a very young age I was diagnosed with autism. I grew up viewing the world in a very special way but it did not stop me from growing my passion in being an artist.

Mary-Kate Harrison

Navajo by Peter Thomas



Lah abínigo, áłtsé adoodlat tsé hichíí' nítí' bee bi'di'niłláád, Hayookkáát yázhí bináá' ąą'ádzaah dóó hazhóó'ógo haadzíí', "Ahéhee'."

Bicheii bich'í' haadzíí', "Háish bich'í' yáníłti?"

Nít'ęę' ání, "Jóhonaa'éei, ná shidiłł'e'."

One morning, as the first light touched the red cliff Little Dawn opened her eyes and whispered, "Thar you." "Who are you talking to?" her grandfather asked with a smile. "To the sun," she said. "It woke me up."

Bicheii bitsiits'iin náas kóyilaah, "Jóhonaa'éei áłtsé na'nitini át'é. T'áá ákwíłjį háá'á'ááh, nihaah néłłééh yee nihéé

yíiłnił, iiná át'é." Tł'óógóó ch'íni'áázh nizhónigo sik'áázigo nich'ih dóó neezíłigo adiníłdín.

"Níłéi k'os yini'į? Na'ídeéłkid. "Nahaltin nanise' tó yąąh ányáıł'įih. Nanise' naaldlooshii deiyą. Naaldlooshii nihi ch'iiya'. Athilká' anéiłwo' éi bee hini'í' ná.

Grandfather nodded. "The sun is our first teacher. reminds us that each day is a gift." They stepped outside feeling the cool air and the warmth of the light. "Do you see those clouds?" he asked. "They bring rain for our plants. The plants feed the animals. The animals feed us. We all live because we share."

Hayookkáát yázhí nitsékeesgo hodií'na. "Da' áko ahéhee' dishniłgo, t'áá'altso 'ááldishni'?" "Aoo" ní bicheii.

"Jóhonaa'éei, nılch'ih, tó, nahasdzáan dóó t'áá' altso

hináanii. Éi 'ááldii' ní Áhééhasin. Doo t'áá'la'ajį t'éiyá da, t'áá' náhididzihi bik'eh."

Little Dawn thought for a moment. "So when I say than you, I'm talking to all of them?" "Yes," said Grandfather. "To the sun, the air, the water, the earth and every living thing. That's what Thanksgiving means to us. It's not just one day—it's every breath we take."

T'áadoo iits'a'í síké, nılch'ih t'éi yiyiists'ąą'go.

Áko iná Hayookkáát yázhí bicheii bila' yikáá' dadees'nii'.

"Ni, naa'ahééh nisin áldó." Bicheii ch'ideeldlo'. "Shi áldó.

T'áá'ahééh niidzin benéłniłigo, iiná t'áá' yee nihidiits'a'."

They sat quietly, listening to the wind. Then Little Dawn placed her hand in her grandfather's. "I'm thankful for you too." He smiled. "And I for you. As long as we remember to give thanks, life will always wrap us."

Áadi adiníłdín neezíłigo yee ahibiitsood, t'áá' altsodéé' Ánihi áldó', Ahéhee', daani nahalingo

And the sunlight wrapped them both in warmth, if the world itself was saying, Thank you, too.

"Every month, I bring you a story in Diné Bizaad. Take time to read & speak Navajo — it's how we keep our language strong." ~ President Nygren



PRESIDENT NYGREN JOINS TRIBAL LEADERSHIP PANEL FOCUSED ON CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined Tribal leaders at the 22nd Annual Construction in Indian Country National Conference (CIIC) to share insights on leadership, infrastructure development, and the power of community-centered planning.

The panel highlighted the importance of community ownership in construction projects, emphasizing how meaningful engagement ensures that new developments reflect cultural identity, language, and local priorities. Tribal leaders spoke about bringing communities into the design process, not just for consultation, but to make them central to project vision.

President Nygren discussed the growing role of technology in advancing tribal infrastructure. He noted how project management tools like Procore are helping streamline housing and construction efforts across the Nation, improving coordination and accountability.

Another major point of discussion centered on creative financing strategies to address large-scale infrastructure needs, such as rebuilding the Gallup Indian Medical Center. President Nygren stressed the importance of exploring new funding models and self-financing opportunities to strengthen tribal sovereignty and economic growth.

The panel concluded with a call for stronger partnerships between Tribal governments, contractors, and communities to deliver impactful, lasting projects.

“What matters most is having a good heart, a good mind, and a genuine commitment to working with tribal nations,” President Nygren said. “If you have the opportunity to work on just one project in Indian Country, make it the best project you’ve ever done, because that project can change communities for decades to come.”



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43RD ANNUAL ALAMO INDIAN DAYS PROMOTES FAMILY

ALAMO, N.M. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined the local community on October 11 for the 43rd Annual Alamo Indian Day Parade, which carried the theme “Understanding the Need for Harmonious Relationships.”

The parade was filled with vibrant energy, warm hospitality, and friendly smiles as families lined the streets to celebrate. It was one highlight of the broader Alamo Indian Day festivities, which also featured chainsaw competitions, a grease pole challenge, cornhole tournaments, traditional dancers, and live music.

Adding a playful moment to the celebration, President Nygren tossed popcorn balls into the crowd as children and elders alike reached, laughed, and cheered while catching their sweet treats.

Following the parade, President Nygren shared a meal with community members and local leadership, enjoying traditional foods and heartfelt conversations. He later addressed the crowd at the fairgrounds, expressing his gratitude and reaffirming his administration's commitment to improving local infrastructure, including the paving of a key road in the area.



May God be in your life every single day. Let's continue to move forward & enjoy the festivities with family & your relatives. It is an honor to be your Navajo Nation President.





AFTER A FIVE-YEAR CLOSURE, TOHATCHI SENIOR CENTER RE-OPENS, RESTORING SERVICES FOR LOCAL ELDERS

TOHATCHI, N.M. — After a five-year closure, the Tohatchi Senior Center has re-opened its doors. On October 10, the center celebrated its grand reopening, restoring a welcoming place to gather, to share stories, and to receive essential services for Navajo elders. Tohatchi was one of the senior centers listed as priority for reopening this year. Additionally, Jeddito Senior Center recently reopened, while Coyote Canyon and Mexican Springs are next in line. Nazlini Senior Center will host their grand opening November 12.

These efforts are backed by expanded transportation resources, meal delivery programs, home safety initiatives, and millions in secured funding for elder care services. The State of New Mexico contributed \$350,000 to support renovations and provide a new vehicle.

This reopening was made possible through the leadership of Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, the Navajo Nation Department of Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Navajo Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Services, and the dedicated staff of the Tohatchi Senior Center, including Supervisor Evangelina Muskett, Cook Raelynn Herbert, and Driver Sharon Lawless.



The Tohatchi Senior Center represents community, culture, and a promise to honor those who came before us, this reopening is part of a broader mission to revitalize senior centers across the Navajo Nation





TRIBAL LEADERS ADDRESS FEDERAL SHUTDOWN

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The ongoing federal government shutdown is taking a heavy toll on the Navajo Nation, reneging on the Government's treaty and trust obligations to the Nation and threatening food security, education, health care, and economic stability for hundreds of thousands of people.

As the largest land-based tribe in the United States with over 420,000 citizens, the Navajo Nation's people rely on federal partnerships and funding to support essential programs guaranteed under the Treaty of 1868.

The most immediate threats is the partial suspension of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Beginning November 1, 2025, Arizona and Utah will halt the delivery of SNAP benefits. The loss of SNAP would increase food insecurity on our nation where grocery access is limited and where families live hours from the nearest store.

New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham promised they will provide \$30 million to ensure food assistance continues for existing SNAP recipients. funding will arrive on their EBT cards by the first weekend in November funding 30 percent of their normal benefit. The elderly and disabled recipients are expected to receive at least \$100.

Two federal courts have ordered the Trump Administration to fund SNAP. President Trump has indicated the his Administration will partially fund SNAP.

Education across the Nation has also been hit hard. Funding delays have forced schools to scale back programs, and some are at risk of closing their doors entirely. Head Starts have run out of funds because federal staff who process funding requests have been furloughed.

At Diné College, more than 500 students have not received Pell Grant disbursements, forcing the school to provide meal vouchers and housing support. Public school districts that depend on Impact Aid (a key source of funding for schools serving Native students) are facing severe shortfalls. In Arizona alone, our school districts rely on Impact Aid for 80% of their budgets, totaling roughly \$98 million annually. These delays in Impact Aid also hurt school districts that serve military bases.



Economic development projects requiring federal oversight have slowed considerably. Furloughs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) have suspended all lease approvals, renewals, and compliance actions, stalling business growth, land development, and infrastructure projects. This creates a backlog delaying investment and job creation. Pending land withdrawal proposals — essential for expanding commercial zones and supporting local economies — remain in limbo without federal review.

Health care services, partially shielded by advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS), remain vulnerable. If the Affordable Care Act's enhanced premium tax credits expire at the end of the year, many Navajo citizens could lose coverage, overwhelming the already underfunded IHS system.

NNWO continues to advocate for the Navajo people in the US capital. The Department of Diné Education has sent surveys to all schools to gather information on the impacts of the shutdown.

Each day of federal inaction strains tribal governments, families, and institutions working to provide basic services.

The shutdown is not just a policy dispute, it's a breach of promises that sustain our families, schools, and communities. These commitments, rooted in the Treaty of 1868, are not optional. The Navajo Nation stands ready to work in partnership to uphold these promises and ensure a stronger, more resilient future for all.



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A NEW BEGINNING: PRESIDENT NYGREN TURNS OVER KEYS TO NEW HOMES FOR SWEETWATER FAMILIES

SWEETWATER, Ariz. — October 15 was a big day for Navajo families within the Sweetwater community.

President Nygren began his visit by meeting with chapter leaders and families selected for housing. He listened to their stories and recognized the importance of providing safe and stable homes to Navajo families.

“Every home we complete changes a life,” said President Nygren. “Behind every project are families who have prayed for this day, families who simply want a place to feel safe, to laugh, and to rest. When we deliver that home, we deliver hope.”

One family and an elderly woman received the keys to their new homes, marking a new beginning filled with emotion and gratitude. Both were deeply moved, surrounded by leaders, relatives, and community supporters.

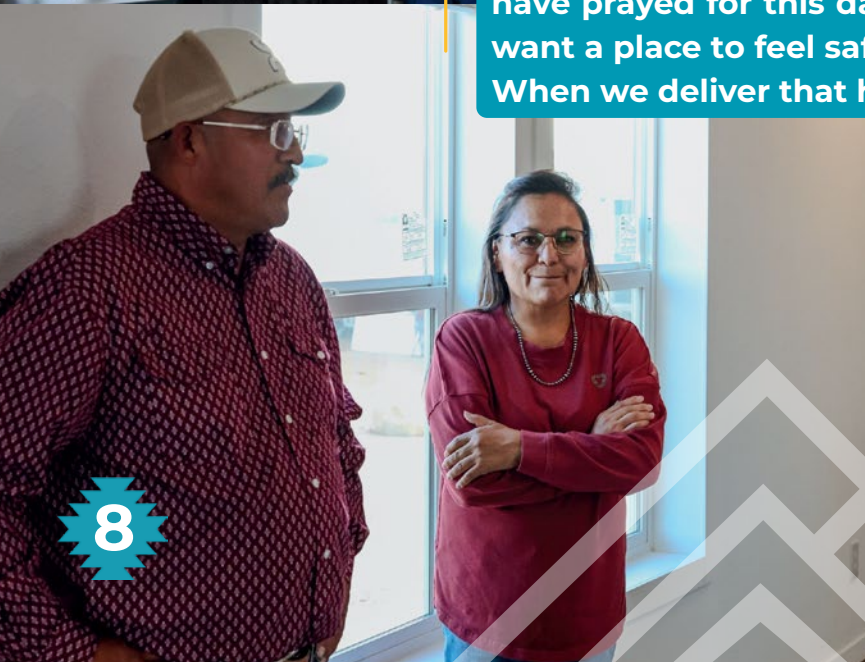
The housing effort was made possible through President Nygren’s “1,000 Homes Initiative,” in partnership with the Mobile Home Commission, Navajo Division of Community Development, and the Sweetwater Chapter. This initiative reflects the administration’s commitment to bring housing directly to Navajo families.

President Nygren expressed his gratitude to everyone involved, emphasizing that leadership is about showing up, ensuring accountability, and fulfilling promises by getting house keys into the hands of Navajo people.

As the new homeowners opened their front doors, the moment stood as a quiet but powerful reminder — real progress is measured in the joy and security it brings to Navajo families.



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The Solar Panels produce up to 125 kilowatts of Clean Power

PRESIDENT NYGREN EXPLORES CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL NAVAJO COMMUNITIES

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – President Buu Nygren, along with other Navajo Nation representatives, met with MOSH-1 (Mobile Off-grid Sun Harvester a Texas-based solar energy company specializing in mobile, off-grid power systems. The discussion focused on how innovative solar technology can strengthen energy sovereignty, create jobs, and support emergency response across the Navajo Nation.

MOSH-1 designs modular units equipped with solar panels and battery storage. At the push of a button, the panels deploy, producing up to 125 kilowatts of clean power—enough to support mobile command centers, medical clinics, field kitchens, cold storage, desalination units, or communications hubs. These systems can be quickly deployed in remote areas or disaster zones, replacing diesel generators with quiet, emission-free power.

During the meeting, MOSH-1 representatives showcased its proven prototype used by agencies such as the U.S. Marine Corps and Los Angeles police department. The modular design allows for customization to meet the needs of dispersed communities facing infrastructure challenges, making the units well-suited for emergency housing, command centers, or community support hubs. President Nygren emphasized that no formal agreements or commitments have been made with MOSH-1 at this time.

The presentation also opened discussion on potential pilot projects across the Navajo Nation that could benefit from MOSH-1's technology, such as remote chapter houses, emergency shelters, and first responder command sites. These applications could provide dependable off-grid power in areas that currently rely on aging or limited electrical systems.

The meeting highlighted the Navajo Nation's growing interest in renewable and modular infrastructure that can be maintained locally. By investing in technology that is mobile, adaptable, and efficient, the Nation can expand its emergency response capacity while providing hands-on opportunities for Navajo technicians, engineers, and electricians to train and lead within the clean energy field.

President Nygren reaffirmed that energy sovereignty remains a central pillar of his administration. He emphasized that exploring technologies like MOSH-1 contributes to long-term goals of reducing dependence on outside utilities, increasing reliability for rural families, and promoting environmentally responsible growth.

MOSH-1 Model displayed in front of the President's Office

Co-Founder Shawn Bryan



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA UNVEILS DINÉ BIZAAD SIGN

TUCSON, Ariz. – The University of Arizona's College of Veterinary Medicine hosted a community ceremony on October 22 to unveil its new Diné Bizaad (Navajo language) campus sign, affirming the university's commitment to visibility, respect, and partnership with Indigenous communities.

The event began with a land acknowledgment recognizing that the University of Arizona sits on the traditional homelands of the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui peoples and highlighted ongoing efforts to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Tribal Nations through education, collaboration, and service. The unveiling is part of the Native Languages Campus Sign Initiative, a collaboration between the Office of Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement and the Department of Linguistics, which works directly with Native Nations to bring Indigenous languages into campus spaces.

The new sign displays the Navajo phrase: "Nanise' Naaldlooshii Bila'ashdla'ii Nihá Nahasdzáán Bikáá' Niilyéii Baa Hááh Hasin dóó Baa' Ahééh Íí which translates to:



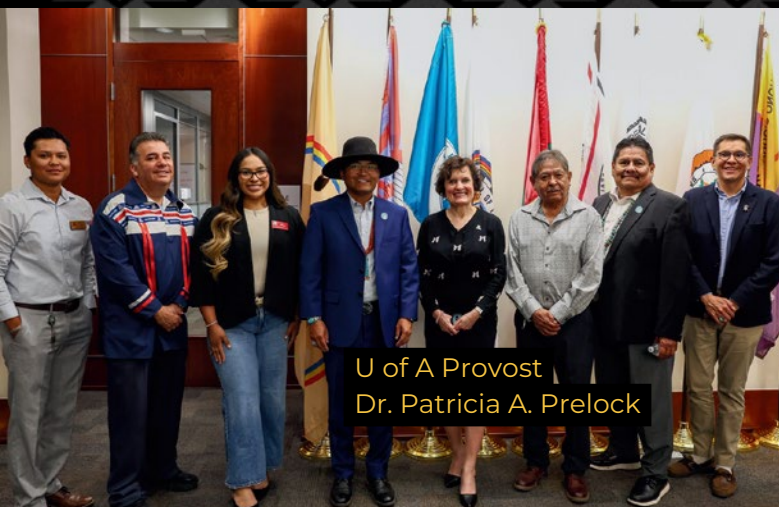
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small.

This poetic phrase embodies the heart of Diné philosophy - a worldview rooted in harmony, gratitude, and interconnectedness with all living things.

"Nanise" speaks of the plants that give life. "Naaldlooshii and Bila'ashdla'ii" refers to animals that walk and share the land. "Nihá Nahasdzáán Bikáá' Niilyéii" embraces all beings who live upon Mother Earth. Together, the words reflect balance, compassion, and respect - values that beautifully align with the calling of veterinary medicine.

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U of A Provost
Dr. Patricia A. Prelock



Julie Funk
U of A Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine



President Nygren meets with
U of A college students



The need for Navajo veterinarians is tremendous — from our elders caring for a few sheep to ranchers stewarding herds across our lands. Seeing Diné Bizaad honored here is powerful. It tells our students they belong & challenges other universities to follow Arizona's example — respect the First Peoples of these states, invest in pathways, & help bring our future veterinarians home.

"Today's sign and unveiling is particularly humbling because it celebrates many of our college's core values, creating an inclusive space for Native American and Indigenous students, visitors, faculty, and staff; honoring the Navajo Nation; and honoring humans, animals, and all things bright and beautiful," said Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine Julie Funk.

President Buu Nygren attended the ceremony alongside students, faculty, and community members, witnessing a moment that tied language, education, and purpose together.

This milestone builds upon a partnership established in June 2023, when the Navajo Nation and the University of Arizona's College of Veterinary Medicine signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen opportunities for Navajo students pursuing veterinary careers. The agreement created seven scholarships for Navajo students, a historic step toward addressing the growing need for Native veterinarians across the Nation.

As the Diné Bizaad sign was unveiled beneath the morning sun, a shared sense of pride and reverence filled the air. Faculty, students, and community partners stood together as the lettering was revealed, reflecting generations of resilience and a living connection between language, people, and place. The moment served as a reminder that language is not only spoken, it is lived.

The College of Veterinary Medicine continues to build on this partnership by supporting Navajo students, promoting One Health education, and expanding outreach across Tribal lands. The unveiling stands as a lasting symbol that when Indigenous knowledge and modern science walk together, healing becomes whole, and the spirit of Hózhó, harmony and balance, endures for generations to come.



NAVAJO NATION DELIVERS FIRST HOME IN EASTERN AGENCY



CROWNPOINT, N.M. — President Buu Nygren visited a newly completed home on October 23 to celebrate the turnover of the home to a Crownpoint, N.M. recipient through the Navajo Nation's ARPA housing project. The ceremony marked the beginning of the Eastern Navajo Agency phase of the ARPA housing project, opening a new chapter in providing safe and modern housing for Navajo families.

The person receiving the keys expressed deep gratitude and thanked everyone involved in making the project possible, from the housing teams on the ground to the leadership and partners who helped bring the effort to fruition.

The home was fully installed, inspected, and verified by the Navajo Nation Community Housing and Infrastructure Department (CHID). President Nygren emphasized that while power and water connections are still being finalized, no home will go without electricity and water. The Nation is working closely with NTUA to ensure utility access as quickly as possible.

The ARPA housing project, managed through the Division of Community Development (DCD) and CHID, is one of the largest housing initiatives in the Nation's history. Out of 130 homes planned, 32 have already been turned over in the Northern Agency phase. With those nearly complete, the project team has shifted its focus to the Eastern Navajo Agency, with a goal of completing all homes by the end of November 2025.

The ARPA housing project showcases how coordination, accountability, and commitment deliver results. Another home has been given, and President Nygren expressed his excitement to continue working hard and helping to deliver homes across the Navajo Nation as part of his "1,000 Homes Initiative."





UNITY IN COMMUNITY: PRESIDENT NYGREN CLOSES OUT FAIR SEASON IN WESTERN NAVAJO

TUBA CITY, Ariz. — President Buu Nygren closed out the 2025 Fair Season on October 18, at the 57th Annual Western Navajo Fair.

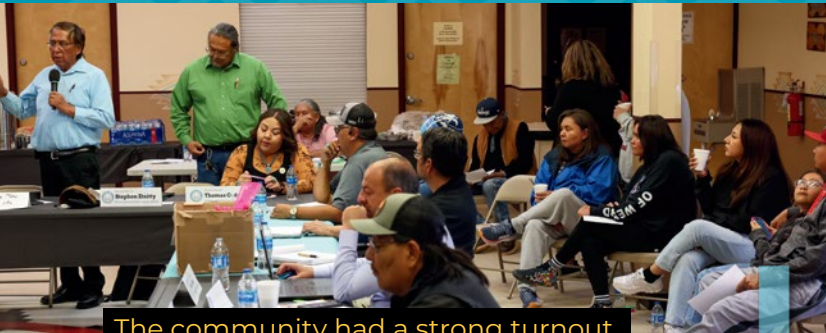
The theme this year was, “Strength in Tradition, Unity in Community!”

The President joined families, elders, and youth at the parade, greeting the crowd with warm handshakes, high fives, and hugs along the route. The energy was lively and uplifting as community members cheered, danced, and proudly showcased Navajo culture and traditions.

Throughout the weekend, President Nygren was met with overwhelming support and hospitality at the Tuba City Fairgrounds. The Western Navajo Fair has always been more than an event. It's a celebration of culture, family, and the strength of the Navajo people. When we come together as a Nation, our traditions and unity continue to guide us forward.

President Nygren extends his sincere appreciation to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and coordinators who worked tirelessly to make each fair a success.





The community had a strong turnout



Every voice matters



COMMUNITY VOICES AT THE CORE OF THE NATION - PRESIDENT BUU NYGREN IN THOREAU

THOREAU, N.M. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren attended the Thoreau Chapter meeting on October 23, where a strong turnout of community members gathered to discuss local issues, ongoing development, and future opportunities.

The meeting opened with reflections on recent challenges faced by families in the community and recognition of community members who continue to play an active role in local affairs.

Throughout the meeting, key officials from Navajo Nation departments provided updates on critical areas such as environmental protection, economic development, veterans' services, community development, housing, and taxation. These presentations focused on improving infrastructure, housing opportunities, and essential services for residents.

Community members raised serious concerns about the proposed uranium repository near residential areas, highlighting health and environmental risks and advocating for alternative solutions. Infrastructure and housing challenges were also a major focus, with discussions on connectivity, utility access, homesite leases, and the urgent need for housing for families, elders, and veterans.

Additional topics included ARPA project delays, animal control concerns, and long-term economic development goals. Federal partnerships, infrastructure investments, and innovative cleanup solutions were discussed as key pathways toward stronger tribal sovereignty and sustainable growth.

President Nygren was proactive in making it clear that these issues can be addressed, but emphasized that Thoreau Chapter leaders must also work with their Council Delegate and follow the proper procedures to move projects forward.

"True tribal sovereignty means standing on our own feet and having a real say in our destiny," said President Nygren. "When we align ourselves toward sovereignty, nothing can stop us."

President Nygren expressed his appreciation for the community's engagement and reiterated his commitment to working with local leaders to address these concerns. The meeting underscored the strength of community participation and the importance of building solutions together.



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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY - HORSEMAN'S LODGE CASINO PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

CHURCH ROCK, N.M. - President Buu Nygren attended a celebratory signing ceremony on October 24 for the business site lease between the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (NNGE) for the Horseman's Steakhouse, Lodge & Casino project.

Located four miles north of Flagstaff Mall along U.S. Highway 89, the project represents a major step forward in advancing Navajo-led tourism, economic development, and job creation. Once complete, the facility will feature a steakhouse and bar, tourism gift shop, sports-betting facility, and a casino with up to 300 gaming devices, along with lodge accommodations and infrastructure to support public safety and visitors.

Speakers throughout the ceremony highlighted how the project reflects Navajo sovereignty in action from placing the land into federal trust to securing the necessary agreements to build and operate the facility. The investment will create hundreds of jobs, strengthen the Nation's tourism presence, and provide lasting economic benefits for Navajo families.

The development is expected to compete regionally as a key tourism gateway for Grand Canyon travelers and strengthen the Nation's ability to generate its own revenue. Leaders emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and communication to ensure the project's success.

President Nygren congratulated the Cameron community and all contributing agencies. He also extended his gratitude to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise for its continued leadership in expanding Navajo-owned ventures. Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Chief Executive Officer John James was also in attendance.



To stand on our own as a Nation, we must build economic strength right here at home. That's how we make Cameron & other communities places where our people want to live, work, & raise families.



NAVAJO NATION SECURES SEVEN WORLD-CHAMPIONS, MISS INDIAN RODEO, AND ALL-AROUND TITLES

Congratulations to our outstanding rodeo athletes for their accomplishments:

- Darryl Monroe and Spider Ramone – Sr. Team Roping World Champions
- Cashes Thomas – Jr. Bull Riding World Champion
- Matt Jodie – Steer Wrestling World Champion
- Creighton Curley – Saddle Bronc Riding World Champion
- Erin Jones – Barrel Racing World Champion and All-Around Champion
- Cajun Cleveland – 2025–2026 Miss Indian Rodeo

Congratulations to all our Navajo rodeo contestants that qualified to the Indian National Finals Rodeo. We also extend our gratitude to the producers, fans, stock contractors, and families whose support makes these accomplishments possible. Your commitment keeps rodeo alive and thriving.

We celebrate each of you and send our best wishes to Derrick Begay and Bailey Bates as they prepare to represent us at the National Finals Rodeo this December. You make the Navajo Nation proud.



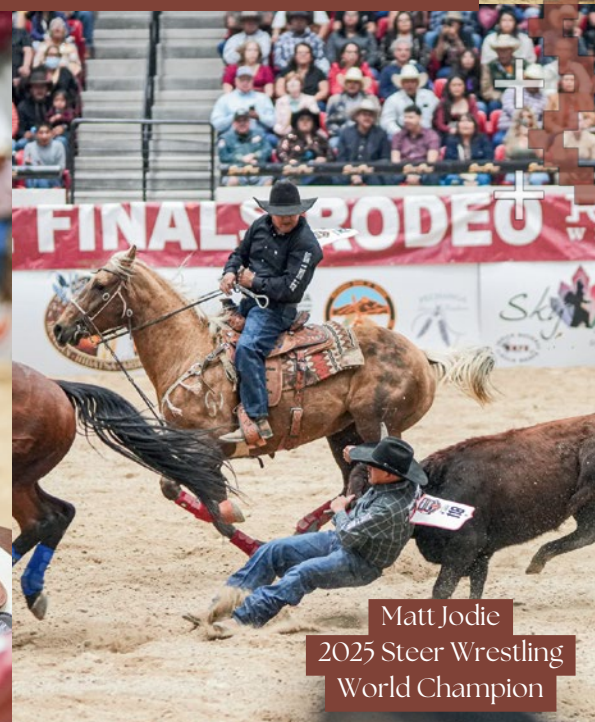
Erin Jones of Chinle earns Barrel Racing and All Around World Title



Creighton Curley
2025 Saddle Bronc Riding
World Champion



Cajun Cleveland
Miss Indian Rodeo
2025–2026



Matt Jodie
2025 Steer Wrestling
World Champion



A NEW REIGN BEGINS: CELEBRATING OUR NORTHERN NAVAJO ROYALTY

Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Northern Navajo Teen 2025–2026, Madisyn Tsinnie Redhouse, and Miss Northern Navajo 2025–2026, Daeshondria Dee.

Madisyn, representing the community of Shiprock, NM, and Daeshondria, representing Teec Nos Pos, AZ, will now carry the honor of representing the Northern Navajo Agency.

Please remember to be kind and supportive of our royalties. They are our warriors working tirelessly to keep our language, culture, and traditions alive.



GIRLS TAKING THE FIELD: MONUMENT VALLEY FLAG FOOTBALL

Once considered a recreational pastime, flag football is now gaining recognition as an official sport across high schools and communities on the Navajo Nation, giving young women new opportunities to compete.

Across Arizona and neighboring states, girls flag football has quickly become one of the fastest-growing sports. For Navajo student-athletes, the game represents breaking barriers in spaces where girls' sports are still expanding.

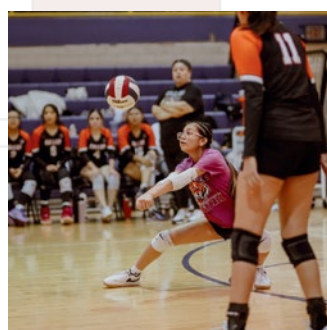
At Monument Valley High School, the excitement is undeniable. The momentum is expected to grow as more schools across the Navajo Nation form teams and participate in regional games.



+ Scouts vs. Wildcats Volleyball +



+ Broncos vs. Bengals Volleyball +





HONORING OUR ELDERS: TUBA CITY SENIOR CENTER SOON TO OPEN

TUBA CITY, Ariz. — On October 16, President Buu Nygren toured the new Tuba City Senior Center, a long-awaited facility that has been years in the making. President Nygren shared his excitement about the project and expressed how meaningful it is to provide a proper and much-needed gathering space for Tuba City's elder community.

The new 11,246-square-foot building will offer our Diné elders daily nutritious meals, social and cultural activities, and a welcoming place to connect with friends, family, and their community. The current center is no longer compliant and cannot adequately serve the large elder population in the area, making this new facility a critical investment in the community's well-being.

This project was made possible through CAP-15-18, championed by Delegate Otto Tso, which allocated \$4,166,666.66 from the Sihasin Fund, along with additional financial support from the Tuba City Chapter.

The vision began in 2015 with the land withdrawal process by the chapter and moved forward through years of planning, coordination, and community effort.

President Nygren noted that this center is a meaningful way to honor those who came before us and ensure future generations have a safe and modern space to gather. He also recognized the dedication of Ms. Sarah McCabe, retired Tuba City Senior Center Supervisor, and Chapter President Myra Begay whose advocacy helped bring this project to life.

The Senior Center is not open yet but is expected to open in December, marking a proud and long-anticipated moment for Tuba City and the Navajo Nation.





'JOY, LAUGHTER AND PRIDE': YOUTH HONORED AND CELEBRATED AT 112TH NORTHERN NAVAJO FAIR

On Thursday, October 2, I had the honor of joining our children, families, schools, and community partners at the Shiprock Fairgrounds during the 112th Northern Navajo Nation Fair to celebrate Youth Day, a tradition that brings joy, laughter, and pride to our people.

The Shiprock Fairgrounds welcomed over 3,000 children, families, and schools from across the Navajo Nation, New Mexico, Arizona, and beyond. Youth Day included interactive games, team-building exercises, motivational speakers, cultural demonstrations, and Navajo language activities that strengthen identity and carry forward our traditions.

Youth Day is more than just a day of fun, it is a commitment. It's about showing our children that they are valued, supported, and celebrated. It's about teaching them that their voices matter, their culture is powerful, and their dreams are worth pursuing.

I extended my deepest appreciation to Diné Youth Shiprock, the Navajo Division of Children and Family Services, our schools, agencies, sponsors, and community partners for coming together to make this day possible. It is through your dedication that we can create a safe and welcoming environment for our children.

I remain committed to ensuring our youth have opportunities to grow, succeed, and become strong leaders who will carry our Nation forward. I believe in investing in their education, supporting their creativity, and uplifting their dreams.

This gathering was a reminder of what we stand for as Diné people: protecting and honoring our children, because they are the foundation of our sovereignty and the key to our future.

For all of our youth, I'm looking forward to the wonderful human beings that you're going to become in the future. Thank you for being here and I appreciate each and every one of you.



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President Nygren takes a selfie with high school students





'FAMILY IS OUR STRENGTH': ELDERS CELEBRATED FOR WISDOM, TRADITION AND STRENGTH

SHIPROCK, N.M. — On October 2, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren greeted local elders, senior center staff, and caregivers during Elder Fest at the 112th Northern Navajo Nation Fair. This celebration kicked off the Northern Navajo Fair.

The Shiprock Fairgrounds was filled with families, children and grandparents who traveled near and far to what is known as the oldest fairs across the Navajo Nation. This year's theme was "Family is Our Strength," where hundreds of families gathered to celebrate youth and elderly.

Elder Fest is known for recognizing collaborated efforts to provide long-term care to Navajo elders while also providing education, awareness and fun activities for elders to connect with other senior centers.

This event also honored and acknowledged Navajo elders' wisdom, strength and lifelong commitment to preserving the Navajo language and teachings that are passed down to the next generation.

Elders participated in a dance off, joined arms during song and dance, stopped by informational booths, won door prizes and ate a hot lunch prepared by Rooster's Grill & Catering.

President Nygren and his staff handed out kitchen supply baskets to attendees as a gift of gratitude for elders who play an important role within Navajo families. He also acknowledged the ongoing dedicated support from Navajo Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support Senior Center, Navajo Division of Children and Family Services, Navajo Department of Health and more. He also thanked them for making Elder Fest happen, which had a successful turnout.

"I am determined to continue collaborating with our partners who ensure that our most valuable members of the community are taken care of," President Nygren said. "You are not forgotten and we thank you for your guidance as Navajo people."



President Nygren greets the audience



Elders receive sheep herder specials



Attendees gather for song and dance





PRESIDENT NYGREN VISITS DENNEHOTSO AFTER SEVERE FLOODING, COMMITS TO LONG-TERM ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

DENNEHOTSO, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren visited the community of Dennehotso on October 15 to assess extensive flood damage caused by heavy rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Priscilla between October 10 and 12.

The storm delivered exceptional rainfall that overwhelmed drainage systems and caused Laguna Creek to overflow, eroding major stretches of Navajo Routes 6460 and 6461, known locally as the Dennehotso Loop Road. Large sections were washed out, cutting off access to homes, farmlands, and critical routes used daily by residents, school buses, and emergency responders.

Flooding is not new to the Dennehotso area. Community members recalled past events where water surged over roads and rock formations, reaching the top of the banks. Similar to previous floods, heavy upstream rainfall quickly raised water levels. By late afternoon, local volunteers and leaders worked to redirect the water, but berms eventually gave way—forcing overnight evacuations and continuous safety efforts by chapter officials and emergency crews.

President Nygren met on-site with Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) officials, including Principal Engineer Darryl Bradley, Senior Environmental Specialist Steven Chischilly, and Deputy Division Director Shelby Dayzie, who conducted a detailed inspection and damage assessment.

According to NDOT, high-velocity floodwaters breached berms, eroded the roadbed, and undermined a recently paved intersection. The Division recommends full reconstruction of damaged segments, installation of larger culverts, riprap protection, and improved drainage capacity.

“The flooding in Dennehotso is devastating, but our people are strong,” said President Nygren. “We’re not here to wait—we’re here to rebuild. These roads will be reconstructed safer, stronger, and ready for the future.”

The President emphasized that the Dennehotso Loop Road serves as a lifeline for residents, connecting families to clinics, schools, and essential services across northern Arizona.

He directed NDOT and Emergency Management to fast-track design work and pursue state and federal funding to ensure long-term resilience.

“This is about protecting lives and livelihoods,” President Nygren said.



President Nygren observes Dennehotso after severe flooding impacts.



Reconstruction won't just restore what was lost. It will strengthen the community for generations.



PRESIDENT NYGREN APPOINTS KRIS BEECHER AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has appointed Kris Beecher, as the Acting Attorney General of the Navajo Nation, marking a significant shift in leadership within the Department of Justice.

Acting Attorney General Beecher graduated from Arizona State University with both his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor, and has since dedicated his career to advancing tribal sovereignty, education access, and economic development within Native communities.

President Nygren said Beecher brings a thoughtful, solutions-driven leadership style at a time when the Nation needs clarity and consistency. His experience spans tribal, state, and federal systems, including appearances in tribal courts and U.S. District Courts.



Acting Attorney General Kris Beecher



Kris represents a steady, solutions-focused leadership style that our Nation needs right now.



PRESIDENT NYGREN MEETS WITH NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council at the Office of the President and Vice President on Tuesday, October 7.

The meeting held a meaningful and productive conversation that allowed the advisory council to generate solutions to support Navajo veterans within the different agencies.

President Nygren emphasized the importance of standing with Navajo veterans and shared his gratitude towards those who have served the Nation.

He also acknowledged the newly appointed agency council members, Kyle Lewis, Chair, Tim Johnson, Vice-Chair and Toni Mina, Secretary, while highlighting his administration's ongoing work to address veterans' needs and improve support services.

Members of the Veterans Advisory Council appreciated the President's visit and the opportunity to hear his message firsthand, underscoring the respect and value for Navajo veterans.





SHIPROCK CELEBRATES THE 112TH NORTHERN NAVAJO FAIR SHOWCASING BEAUTY, PRIDE, RESILIENCE

On behalf of the Navajo Nation, I want to share how truly special it was to see our people come together at this year's Northern Navajo parade on Saturday, October 4. When I was younger, I used to attend this parade and this year was more than just a celebration- it was a moment that reminded us of the beauty, pride, and resilience of the Navajo people.

First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren and I rode our horses and I was deeply moved to see families gathered along the route, elders wrapped in blankets waving with pride, and children with bright smiles reaching out for candy and flags.

The First Lady and I were humbled to share this day with all of you. We felt the warmth of grandparents who reminded us of how far we have come, and the excitement of our youth, who represent the promise of where we are going.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the organizers, participants, volunteers, and families who brought their spirit to this year's parade. Your effort and energy turned this event into a powerful reflection of who we are as Diné people. Every drumbeat, every cheer, and every step carried the strength of our ancestors and the hope of future generations.

Throughout the other fair events, I would like to thank my staff for helping give out items and for listening to community concerns. I was also grateful to make bread with our masanis and honored to watch the Hopi dance group perform for the President and First Lady.

Riding side by side with my wife, I was reminded that leadership is not only about governance, it is about love, unity, and serving with heart. As President and First Lady, we are committed to walking with you, celebrating with you, and working tirelessly to ensure our Nation thrives in harmony, resilience, and hózhó.



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President Nygren greets paradegoers



Hopi Sinom Dance Group perform for the President and First Lady



President Nygren helping with the bread



BUILDING PATHWAYS FOR NAVAJO STUDENTS: PRESIDENT NYGREN MEETS BYU-IDAHO LEADERSHIP

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren welcomed leaders from Brigham Young University–Idaho on October 29 to the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President for a meeting focused on supporting Navajo and other Native students from recruitment to graduation, and into careers that serve the Nation.

The discussion centered on practical ways to boost first-generation and Native student success, creating a welcoming campus space with a dedicated Native student coordinator, expanding tutoring and peer mentoring, and building clear internship and career pipelines tied to community needs on Navajo.



BYU-Idaho President Alvin F. Meredith

The group also explored tighter coordination with the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance, led by Director Rose Graham, to connect students with scholarships, advising, and ongoing support. Additional ideas included featuring BYU–Idaho opportunities in the President’s newsletter, recruiting more Navajo students, and encouraging graduates to gain experience off the Nation and return with skills that strengthen local communities.

Attendees from BYU–Idaho included President Alvin F. Meredith, Academic Vice President Jon Linford, Chief of Staff Rob Garrett and Student Life Vice President Amy Renee.

The meeting closed with a shared commitment to student success, cultural belonging, and long-term partnership setting the stage for continued information sharing, targeted recruitment, and a future visit to deepen collaboration.



NURSE CELEBRATED AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE

CHURCH ROCK, N.M. — On October 28, the Navajo Department of Health (NDOH) celebrated the retirement of Ruth E. White, honoring her 37 years of dedicated service to the Navajo Nation under the Kayenta Public Health Nursing Program.

“Ruth has dedicated her entire career to the Navajo Nation, even when higher-paying positions were available elsewhere,” said Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren. “She has demonstrated a true love for her position and for the people she works with.”

After nearly four decades of service, Ruth received her first performance bonus last year under the leadership of Director Sherylene Yazzie.

“Ruth’s story reflects her extraordinary commitment,” said Director Yazzie. “It’s also a reminder that we must maintain performance evaluations to ensure that high-performing employees like Ruth receive their well-deserved step increases.”

President Nygren added, “Thank you, Ruth, for your years of compassion, dedication, and service to the Navajo people. Your commitment has left a lasting impact on the community and on the future of public health across the Nation.”



Ruth E. White



**Thank you, Ruth for your years of
compassion, dedication, and service.**



HONORING NABI CHAMPIONS: REZBOMBERS GIRLS DIVISION CHAMPS AND YOUNG GUNZ BOYS DIVISION CHAMPS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren welcomed Rezbombers Head Coach Brian Kaye, Assistant Coach Keeli Kaye, Young Gunz Head Coach Tawna Kee, and standout athlete John Mattingly to the Office of the President and Vice President on October 21 to celebrate their historic 2025 NABI championship victories.

The Rezbombers captured the 2025 NABI Girls Division Championship, demonstrating strength, skill, and leadership on the court. Under the guidance of Coach Brian Kaye and Assistant Coach Keeli Kaye, the team brought home another NABI National Championship that reflects the rising power of Native women in sports.

In the boys' division, John Mattingly, a senior at Central High School in Phoenix and recent commit to the University of Nevada, led the Young Gunz to an undefeated 10–0 run and the NABI Boys Division Championship. Mattingly earned the prestigious MarJon Beauchamp MVP Award, and Coach Tawna Kee made history as the first female head coach to win the NABI boys' title.

During the visit, President Nygren celebrated both teams for their hard work, dedication, and inspiration to Native youth. Family members and supporters who were also in the meeting shared their pride in these champions, highlighting cultural roots, humility, and perseverance.

“These athletes have shown what’s possible when talent, family, and community unite,” President Nygren said. “The Rezbombers, John Mattingly, and Tawna Kee are inspiring the next generation of Native leaders and athletes.”



President Nygren talks one-on-one with Central High athlete, John Mattingly



REZBOMBERS Coaches: Keeli Kaye & Brian Kaye

YOUNG GUNZ Head Coach: Tawna Kee



RECOGNIZING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ATHLETIC SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN MATTINGLY, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COMMIT



President Nygren extends a heartfelt congratulations to John Mattingly, a senior at Central High School, for his commitment to the University of Nevada. This achievement marks a significant milestone in John's academic and personal journey, and the entire community celebrates his dedication and ambition. John resides in Phoenix with his family, but has roots in Castle Butte, AZ.

John finished his Junior season averaging 24.3 points, 5.9 rebounds, 5.2 assists, and 1.6 steals per game, solidifying his reputation as a top 10 scorer in the state and one of the best players in the Arizona 2026 class. His impressive performance earned him offers from Nevada, NAU, and Cal-State Sacramento, highlighting his potential to excel at the collegiate level.

Best wishes in your Senior year of high school and this exciting new chapter with the University of Nevada!

BEST WISHES TO SYDNEY BENALLY AND SHIYAZH PETE, DIVISION I ATHLETES

President Nygren extends warm congratulations and best wishes to Sydney Benally, a freshman at Brigham Young University (BYU), as she embarks on her first basketball season with the Cougars. Sydney's dedication and enthusiasm for her studies are commendable, and the entire community supports her pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. May your journey at BYU be filled with growth, discovery, and achievement.

In addition to her academic achievements, Sydney Benally was honored as the 2024-25 Gatorade New Mexico Girls Basketball Player of the Year, recognizing her as the top girls' basketball player in the state. Sydney's accomplishments and her selection for this prestigious award placed her among a distinguished group of athletes nationwide and a remarkable start to her journey at Brigham Young University.

Special recognition is also given to Shiyazh Pete, whose inspiring path to the University of Kentucky is a testament to perseverance and ambition. A graduate from Shiprock High School, Shiyazh seized a walk-on chance at New Mexico State. After two seasons and a coaching change, he made the bold decision to join the Wildcats.

Shiyazh Pete, a proud member of the Navajo and Salish nations, is one of the country's most prominent Native American athletes and has quickly become a fan favorite at Kentucky. As Shiyazh enters the SEC spotlight, he remains focused on being a beacon of hope for youth and his community, turning challenges into opportunities and representing his heritage with honor. President Nygren and the entire community celebrate Shiyazh's achievements and wish him a successful football season at the University of Kentucky.



Congratulations and best wishes to all three outstanding students as they continue to pursue excellence in academics and athletics!



Groundbreaking sight in Gallup, N.M.



PRESIDENT NYGREN ATTENDS GROUNDBREAKING FOR NAVAJO HOUSING AND WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES

GALLUP, N.M. — On October 24, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined leaders from the Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF), Navajo Nation Division of Community Development, community members, and partners to break ground on a major housing and workforce development expansion project.

The project represents a significant investment in the Navajo Nation's ability to build homes for Navajo families, including veterans. Since 1998, SWIF has constructed more than 250 homes across the Navajo Nation, averaging 10 to 12 homes each year. With this expansion, that number is projected to triple, reaching up to 36 to 40 homes annually.

At the heart of this effort is the development of a new 30,000-square-foot modular home construction and training facility located along Coal Carbon Road in Gallup. This new facility will replace the existing 14,000-square-foot warehouse and provide the capacity to build eight homes at a time. It will also allow SWIF to

store materials more efficiently, reduce costs, and increase the speed of construction.

The expansion will create up to 50 full-time positions at SWIF, along with approximately 30 additional contractor jobs in areas such as plumbing and electrical work. The new site will also include classroom and lab spaces to support workforce training programs for local residents and military trainees.

The project is funded in part by a \$6 million grant awarded in November 2023. Over the next three years, SWIF has committed to producing 60 homes for Navajo Nation veterans, in addition to homes for families through other housing programs.

This expansion marks a major step toward improving housing access and creating sustainable jobs, reflecting a long-term vision to strengthen Navajo communities from within. President Nygren remains committed to supporting partnerships that build a stronger Navajo Nation.



President Nygren gives speech to Gallup Community Members.



FROM VISION TO REALITY: A VETERAN'S DREAM COMES TRUE WITH OPENING OF "I'NI MARKETPLACE"

TOHATCHI, N.M. — On October 30, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren signed the business site lease for I'ni Marketplace, congratulating owner Laris Manuelito for advancing a full-service grocery and cultural marketplace in a community more than 30 minutes from the nearest grocery store.

Manuelito, a U.S. Army veteran and former RBDO staffer, outlined a 55,000-square-foot, multi-phase design that blends modern convenience with Diné culture, featuring a glass water-feature entry, vendor bays, and pad space for future storefronts. Her logo incorporates the four sacred colors, mountain motifs, and lightning to honor the site's history. The store will highlight Navajo-made crafts, ceremonial foods, and Indigenous ingredients, positioning Tohatchi as a cultural hub on the U.S. 491 corridor serving residents and travelers to Shiprock, Salmon Ruins, and Four Corners.

Born from lessons of COVID when border closures exposed gaps in food, water, and health access, I'ni Marketplace is also planned with emergency-management flexibility to host medical tenants, water drops, and community relief efforts. Manuelito credited her dedicated team, including Charlene Begayé Platero, Flora, Leonard, Delegate Pernell Halona, architect Tamara Begay (Diné), and advisors Jesse and Jessica (Just Change Lives) for helping move the project forward.

President Nygren praised Manuelito's determination and reaffirmed his commitment to investing in Navajo communities, noting \$162 million in taxes collected this year and setting a long-term goal of a \$1 billion annual tax base to strengthen local economies.

Local leaders Tohatchi Chapter President Elvis Bitsilly, Vice President Lee Rogers, and Coyote Canyon Chapter President Sharon Warren joined the event, celebrating this milestone toward greater food access and community self-reliance.





TUBA CITY SONG AND DANCE BRINGS HEART, HARMONY, AND TRADITION TO LIFE

TUBA CITY, Ariz. — The steady beat of the drum carried across the sunny grounds of Tuba City as singers, dancers, and families came together for a day of unity, healing, and celebration.

The annual Song and Dance once again reminded the community that the strength of the Navajo people lives on through song, dance, and togetherness.

From the first drumbeat to the final round dance, the celebration overflowed with laughter, color, and connection. Elders shared stories of the old songs, youth danced proudly in traditional attire, and families filled the arena, each step weaving together generations of Diné identity and pride.

Organized by the Tuba City Fair staff and dedicated local volunteers, this special event represented more than just a weekend gathering, it was a renewal of spirit and community. The songs carried teachings of respect, love, and resilience, reminding everyone in attendance that the rhythm of the people remains unbroken.

The Tuba City Song and Dance continues to be a cherished tradition across the Navajo Nation, a time to honor ancestors, lift spirits, and celebrate the beauty of being Diné.





PRESIDENT NYGREN, WIDE RUINS CHAPTER LEADERSHIP WORK TO ADDRESS, IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On October 24, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with Wide Ruins Chapter officials and administration to discuss critical infrastructure issues affecting local families.

The discussion centered on improving access to essential services like water and electricity, which remain unavailable for many community members. Leaders emphasized how this lack of infrastructure continues to impact daily life, health, and overall well-being.

Chapter leadership presented updates and priorities across several key areas, including cemetery land acquisition and accessibility, road maintenance systems, and county maintenance agreements. New priority systems will focus on high-use routes, school access, and senior services, while updated agreements will help strengthen coordination with counties and fund necessary improvements.

“At the end of the day, we’re always trying to figure out how to improve the lives of our communities,” said President Nygren. “No president has really attempted to meet with every chapter individually the way we’re doing it now ... It’s important work. I like it because we’re all on the same team, working together to get things done for our people.”

Officials also discussed culvert installations, utility planning, and home deliveries expected to be turned over to chapters by November. Improving chapter responsiveness, communication, and resource sharing were also identified as essential to accelerating progress.

Senior center assessments and funding were also highlighted as critical priorities, with teams working to ensure facilities are operational and able to support elder programs and home-based meal services.

Attendees included Council delegate Arbin Mitchell, Chapter President Shawnevan Dale, Community Coordinator Michael Halliwell, among others.

The Nygren Administration plans to continue these working sessions to ensure projects move forward efficiently and that the people of Wide Ruins receive the services they deserve.



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Wide Ruins Chapter leadership



PRESIDENT NYGREN, TRIBAL HEALTH LEADERS STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP FOR NAVAJO HEALTHCARE

TUBA CITY, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with healthcare leaders and partners on October 16 to discuss critical challenges and opportunities within the Navajo Nation's healthcare system.

The meeting brought together Navajo Tribal Health Organization representatives, hospital administrators, and regional partners to strengthen collaboration on funding, infrastructure, workforce development, and elder care.

Leaders emphasized the need to modernize healthcare facilities and expand telehealth and broadband connectivity to improve patient care across remote areas. Discussions also centered on staffing shortages, particularly in nursing and specialty care, and the need for employee housing to support recruitment and retention.

Additional priorities included upgrading electronic health record systems, improving road access to hospitals and clinics, and securing equitable federal funding for tribal health facilities.

Participants voiced support for establishing a tribal health coordinator to advocate for Navajo priorities and ensure fair distribution of healthcare investments.

President Nygren expressed appreciation for the dedication of healthcare professionals and reaffirmed his administration's commitment to improving access, infrastructure, and quality of care for Navajo families.

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Our people deserve strong healthcare systems, modern technology, and support for our healthcare workers... This is about building a healthier future for our Nation.”



REACH A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE IN YOUR AGENCY

The Nygren Administration has Community Representatives serving in each of the (5) five Navajo Agencies. For immediate assistance, please reach out to your respective representatives.

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