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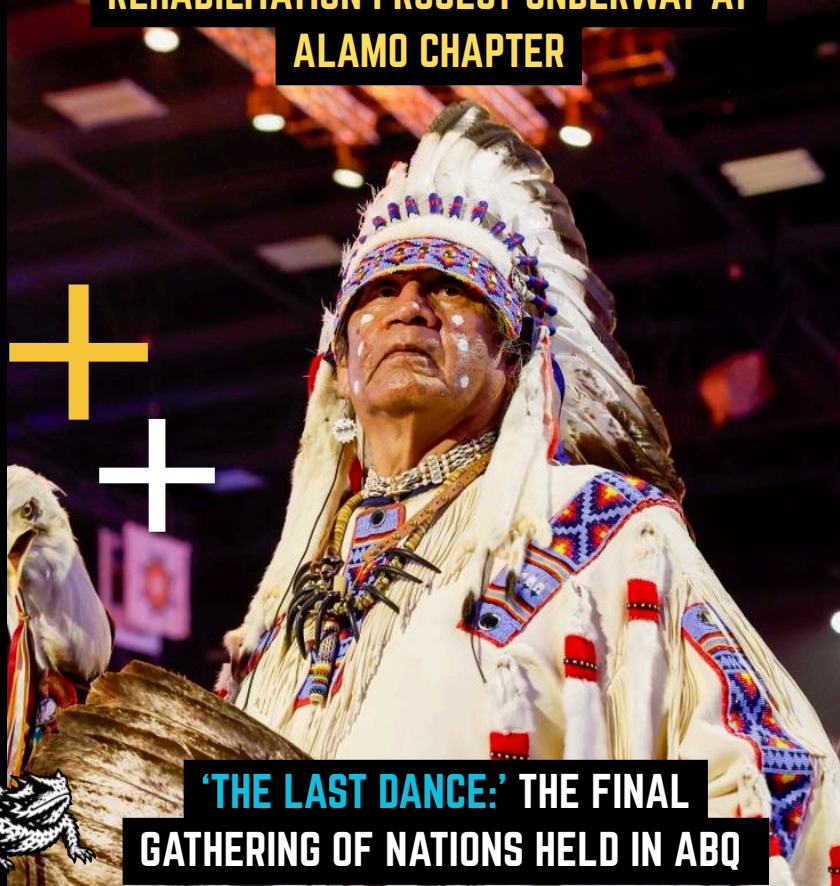
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A Backpack Full of Memories



Navajo by Peter Thomas

Diné keehat'í bitah góne' deesdoi hooleek, daan bił ahoolzhiizh, abíní biyi' góne' t'óó hodéeyéél. Ólta' di áłchíní t'óó biyéél doo danidaaz da nidahalin, ákonidi íłhózhó yee ádił dahódló. "Bíhooł' aahii t'áá yínáálgóó yíyéél," bił níigo bá'ólta'í bée biyiłnííł. Ólta'í naaltssoos wólta' yaa nitsídaakees, bił da'íł, áadi yee ádaanitsékees.

As spring turned warm across Navajo land, the mornings felt soft and peaceful. At school, the children noticed their backpacks felt lighter, but their hearts felt fuller. Their teachers reminded them, "Carry your lessons with you wherever you go." The students thought about reading, helping others, showing respect, and believing in themselves.

Hooghandi amásání t'íis nídiitł'íish yinéł'í. "T'ááchil," díniid t'áá hazhóó'ógo. "t'íis bit'áá' nídaditł'íish." Bił hózhógo áłchíní yinéł' "kéyah bikáá' góó náhwiyoo'naal, nihí áldó ákó nóht'é."

At home, Grandma watched the cottonwood trees turn bright green. "May," she said gently, "the time of big leaves." She smiled at the children. "The land is growing again, and so are you."

Hodidoonaal, shí t'óó nabíhónilyeesh, bił hajíjéé', hak'is, dóó hak'éí bił hooneenih bee ahił hojídłogo naanijoojah, dlohasin t'ée' haleehji'. Ákonidi áłtsé ólta'déé' naanish áłso ádajiił'íih dóó bá'ólta'í baa ahééh dazhniizijh, bits'áádóó ídahwijiil'á'íi binahji'.

Soon, everyone dreamed about summer — running with cousins, visiting relatives, and laughing with friends until the stars appeared. But first, they worked hard to finish school strong and thanked their teachers for everything they learned.

Ólta' áłso bíghah aleeh, áłchíní ólta'dóó ch'éjah, be'ezis 'ééháníih bii' hadadeezbingo. Náhdéé' shí aba'sizí, binaagóó kéyah náhii'na', bí dó' náádínésá. Ei t'áátsoh bii' hane' át'é.

On the last day of school, the children walked outside proudly with backpacks full of memories. Summer was waiting, and just like the land around them, they were growing stronger too. That is this months May story.

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"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 NYGEN SIGNS \$6 MILLION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR ALL 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS

WINDOW ROCK— Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has signed legislation approving \$6 million in emergency assistance funding for all 110 Navajo Nation Chapters to support community preparedness and response efforts during Fiscal Year 2026.

The funding, allocated from the Navajo Nation’s Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (UUFB), will help chapters respond to urgent and ongoing challenges caused by extreme weather conditions, including road closures, utility disruptions, flooding, drought, and other emergencies that impact the health and safety of Navajo communities.

Under the approved plan, the \$6 million will be distributed to all 110 chapters using a 50/50 allocation formula, balancing equal distribution with chapter population based on registered voter counts. Funding will be distributed across the five agencies as follows:

- Chinle Agency: \$799,209**
- Eastern Agency: \$1,522,740**
- Fort Defiance Agency: \$1,481,039**
- Northern Agency: \$1,135,042**
- Western Agency: \$1,031,970**

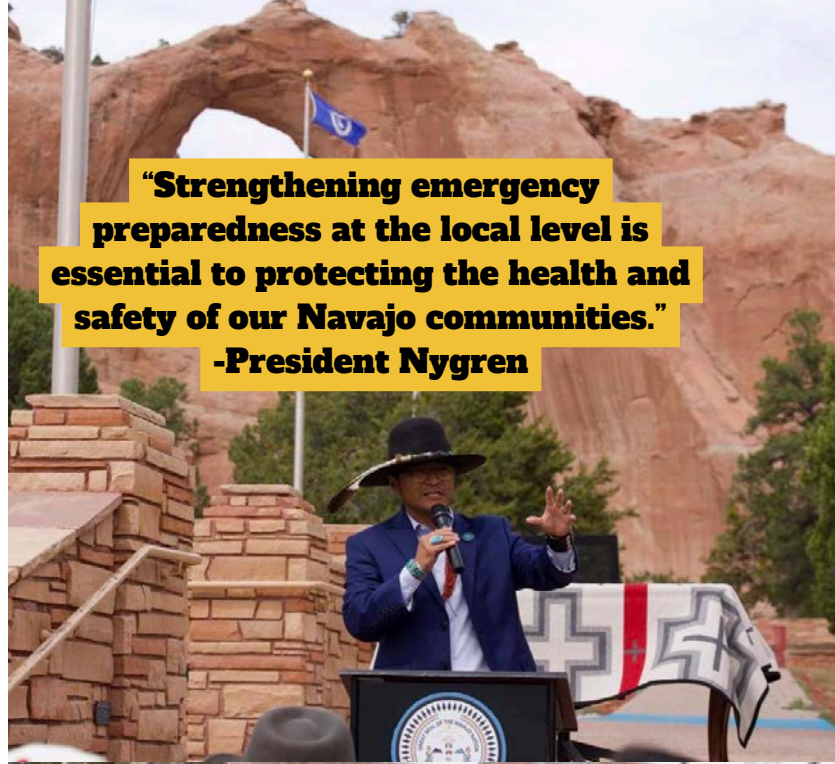
Chapters will use the funding to support community members during declared emergencies and respond to immediate needs caused by severe weather and other urgent conditions.

This action was classified as an emergency measure under Navajo Nation law, allowing leadership to respond quickly to conditions that threaten public safety and community well-being.

President Nygren strongly supports this funding and the direct impact it will have on Navajo people at the local level.

The funding request was developed through the Division of Community Development (DCD) to address ongoing needs at the chapter level, where resources are often limited during emergency situations.

The legislation was sponsored by Honorable George H. Tolth, with co-sponsorship from Honorable Shawna Ann Claw and Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, reflecting a coordinated effort to support communities across all regions of the Navajo Nation.



“Strengthening emergency preparedness at the local level is essential to protecting the health and safety of our Navajo communities.”
-President Nygren





NAVAJO NATION SUPPORTS UNM VOLLEYBALL'S SEENANE BREWER



GALLUP, N.M. — Cheers filled the gym as University of New Mexico's Seenane Brewer rose above the net to block a shot from the Northern Arizona University squad during a competitive exhibition matchup in Gallup, N.M.

The UNM and NAU women's volleyball teams split four fast-paced sets during an exhibition matchup before an energized crowd that included Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren.

“This exhibition shows our young people what’s possible when they commit to their goals, stay connected to their identity, and take advantage of every opportunity in front of them,” President Nygren said. “When Navajo student-athletes succeed at the collegiate level, they inspire the next generation to believe that they can achieve those same goals.”

Brewer, a sophomore at UNM and a proud representative of the Navajo Nation, continues to build an impressive volleyball resumé. She earned KSHSAA 6A First Team All-Sunflower League honors in 2023, received Honorable Mention recognition in 2022, and competed at the 2023 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships, where her team finished 22nd in the 17U Open Division.

Her connection to UNM volleyball also carries family history. Brewer’s mother, Nana Allison-Brewer, was a four-year letter winner for Lobo Volleyball from 1996 to 1999 and earned the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Specialist Award.

UNM Head Coach Brian Hosfeld said the program is focused on local recruitment and long-term player development. In partnership with President Nygren, discussions are underway to bring offseason volleyball camps directly to Navajo Nation communities to help young athletes strengthen their skills and pursue collegiate opportunities.

Across the Navajo Nation, more student-athletes are stepping onto the court, competing at higher levels, and working toward scholarships, leadership opportunities, and brighter futures both on and off the court.



UNM Volleyball Team

Seenane Brewer





UTAH NAVAJO CHAPTERS MEET WITH PRESIDENT NYGREN TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

MEXICAN WATER, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with leadership and community members from five Utah Navajo Chapters to hear directly about ongoing challenges, infrastructure needs, and long-term priorities across the region.

Representatives from Mexican Water, Beclabito, Aneth, Teec Nos Pos, and Tóíkan Chapters shared updates on community projects and discussed barriers slowing progress, particularly concerns involving coordination and communication between local chapters and Navajo Nation central government offices.

Throughout the meeting, chapter leaders highlighted urgent infrastructure needs including road repair and extension projects, emergency helipads, housing delays, water coordination issues, and stalled multipurpose building developments. Regional priorities such as broadband expansion, economic development, uranium transportation safety, and environmental concerns tied to oil and gas activity were also discussed.

President Nygren emphasized the importance of empowering local chapters and ensuring resources reach communities more efficiently.

“We need legislation that helps Chapters move their initiatives forward,” said President Nygren. “Window Rock’s role should be simple—get resources to the chapters. Local leaders know how to use those resources, and we need to get out of the way.”

Each chapter outlined specific community needs and ongoing projects. Aneth Chapter discussed infrastructure improvements and environmental concerns connected to legacy oil development. Teec Nos Pos highlighted the need for a new senior center, expanded cemetery space, safer buildings, and improved road access. Beclabito Chapter shared concerns about housing delays and transportation improvements, while Tóíkan Chapter provided updates on its \$14.1 million multipurpose building project and ongoing road and public safety needs.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to continue supporting chapter-led legislation, pursue future funding opportunities during budget season, and coordinate follow-up efforts to advance community-driven priorities across the five chapters.





NAVAJO NATION, UNHS STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE REGIONAL HEALTHCARE



“By strengthening regional collaboration, we can continue to close gaps in care and improve the quality of life for our communities.”



MONTEZUMA CREEK, Utah — Expanding access to quality healthcare for Navajo families, especially in rural and underserved communities, remains a top priority for Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren.

On April 3, President Nygren met with leaders from the Utah Navajo Health System (UNHS) to learn more about their healthcare services and discuss opportunities to strengthen regional healthcare access for Navajo communities in southeastern Utah and surrounding areas.

UNHS leadership shared information about their comprehensive healthcare services, including primary care, behavioral health, dental care, pharmacy services, and community health programs. Leaders emphasized the important role these services play in addressing healthcare gaps in rural communities where access to care is often limited.

Discussions focused on future opportunities to expand services and improve patient care by improving home healthcare programs, patient-centered initiatives, and long-term wellness programs for Navajo families.

As a tribally operated healthcare system, UNHS continues to provide culturally grounded care aimed at reducing health disparities and improving quality of life.

President Nygren and healthcare leaders discussed broader Navajo health initiatives and long-term strategies to improve healthcare delivery across the Navajo Nation. Conversations included exploring innovative approaches to healthcare infrastructure and strengthening regional partnerships that can better serve Navajo patients.

Additional discussions included the possibility of expanding UNHS involvement in regional healthcare services, including exploring future management opportunities at the Red Mesa Clinic to improve local healthcare access and create employment opportunities within the community.

Leaders emphasized the importance of continued collaboration, community support, and legislative advocacy to build sustainable healthcare solutions for future generations.

The visit concluded with a shared commitment to continue exploring partnerships, funding opportunities, and strategies that strengthen healthcare access and improve health outcomes for Navajo communities across the region.



A SEASON TO REMEMBER: TUBA CITY LADY WARRIORS HONORED FOR STATE TITLE RUN

WINDOW ROCK — Fresh off a championship season that brought pride to their school and community, the Tuba City Lady Warriors were honored on April 6 as Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren recognized their hard work, unity, and accomplishments during a special visit to the Office of the President and Vice President.

“I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you,” said President Nygren. “Your teamwork, discipline, and heart set an example for young people across the Navajo Nation.”

Led by Head Coach Pete Butler, the Lady Warriors captured the Arizona 3A Copper State Championship in February with a 59–54 victory over the Snowflake Lady Lobos at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix. The championship tournament featured top programs from the 1A–3A conferences. Tuba City finished the season with an impressive 28–3 overall record and 11–1 region record, while freshman Layla Curtis earned tournament MVP honors.

During their visit to Window Rock, the team toured the Navajo Nation Veterans Memorial Park before gathering in the Stateroom to reflect on their championship journey. Players and coaches shared stories about the perseverance, discipline, and teamwork that fueled their successful season. Curtis credited the team’s chemistry and years of playing together as a major factor in their success on the court.

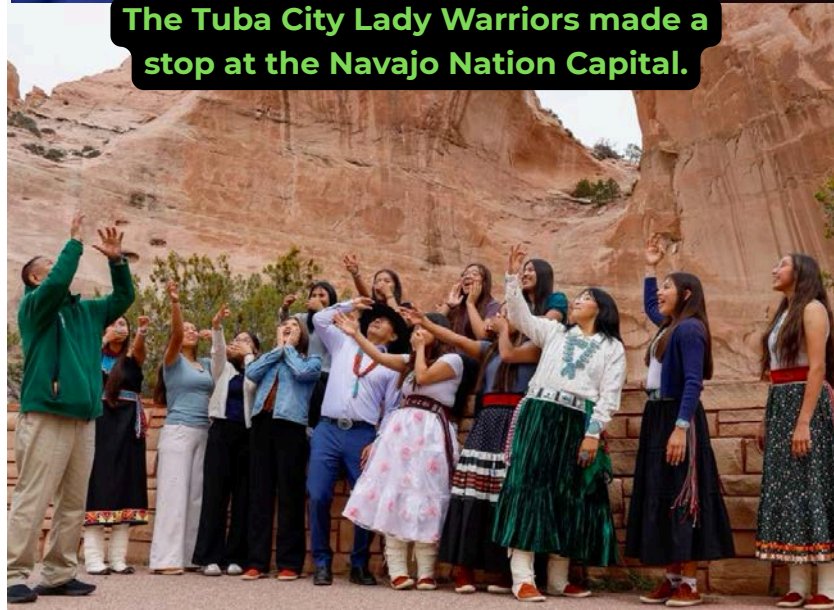
Players also recognized Coach Butler and assistant coaches Jonessa Reid, Brittney Laughter, and Sharlimar Navaho for their leadership and support throughout the season.

The team shared lunch with President Nygren and discussed future goals and opportunities beyond high school athletics. Senior Aubrey Begaye announced her commitment to Park University in Gilbert, Arizona, where she will continue her basketball career, while Thalia Clitso will attend Glendale Community College to pursue volleyball and academics.

As a token of appreciation, the Lady Warriors presented President Nygren with a signed basketball featuring the names of every team member.



The Tuba City Lady Warriors made a stop at the Navajo Nation Capital.



NAVAJO NATION VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZE ACROSS DINÉ BIKÉYAH TO RESTORE THE LAND ON EARTH DAY

WINDOW ROCK — In the early morning hours, before the heat of the day set in, volunteers began walking the roads that connect our communities, some with gloves and trash bags in hand, others with family members by their side. Step by step, they moved along highways, dirt roads, and homesteads, picking up what had been left behind.

By the end of the week, those same roadways told a different story. Black, heavy-duty trash bags lined the shoulders where bottles, cans, and debris once scattered the land. What was once overlooked became visible, evidence not only of the problem, but of a community choosing to take responsibility for the place it calls home.

For Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, that reality is one he has seen up close while running trails near Sawmill.

“Those trails are where our animals live, where they travel, and where they should be safe,” said President Nygren. “But instead, we see the impact of trash in places it doesn’t belong. That’s something we have the power to change.”

Across the Navajo Nation, those impacts are visible in everyday life. Animals are drawn to discarded food, while plastic, wire, and debris pose serious risks to livestock and wildlife.

Still, this Earth Day showed what is possible when communities act together. Volunteers from across the Navajo Nation stepped forward, turning a single day of recognition into a week of action.

“Earth Day may be one day, but caring for our land is a responsibility we carry every day,” said President Nygren. “When we come together like this, we show what it means to take care of our home for future generations.”

The Office of the President and Vice President encourages everyone to remain engaged in protecting and preserving the land that sustains the Navajo people.



EAST-TRACKING PROGRESS: NAVAJO NATION ADDRESSES DELAYS IN MAJOR TRANSPORTATION EFFORT



CHANDLER, Ariz. — As the Navajo Nation works toward contracting approximately \$130 million in transportation projects by July and up to \$200 million by the end of the year, persistent challenges such as right-of-way approvals continue to delay critical progress.

On April 9, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with leadership from the Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) during the 2026 Tribal Self-Governance Conference to address barriers and advance long-term transportation solutions.

The discussion focused on ensuring transportation resources are fully utilized within Navajo communities. Leaders emphasized reinvesting interest earned from transportation funds back into road and infrastructure projects to help accelerate long-overdue improvements across the Navajo Nation.



President Nygren emphasized the need for stronger coordination with federal partners, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to streamline right-of-way approvals and prevent delays that could jeopardize available funding opportunities.



Leaders also highlighted the direct impact transportation infrastructure has on public health and safety. Representatives from the Navajo Department of Health noted that poor road conditions hinder home visits, slow emergency response times, and increase wear on service vehicles operating in rural communities.

Beyond roads, discussions included investments in the Navajo Nation's five airports to strengthen economic development, tourism, and regional connectivity. Improving infrastructure across all modes of transportation will help create safer travel routes and expand opportunities for communities across the Nation.



At the center of the meeting was the Navajo Nation's continued push for sovereignty and self-determination through greater local control of transportation funding, project planning, and decision-making to ensure projects reflect community priorities and long-term sustainability.

NAVAJO NATION SECURES \$150M BROADBAND INVESTMENT FROM ARIZONA BEAD FUNDING

WINDOW ROCK - The Navajo Nation will expand broadband access, following a major funding award through the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program in partnership with the State of Arizona.

The Nation has been awarded nearly \$150 million—one of the largest single allocations to any tribal nation in the country—as part of Arizona’s broader broadband investment strategy. This funding represents a critical step toward closing the digital divide and ensuring that Navajo families have access to reliable, high-speed internet.

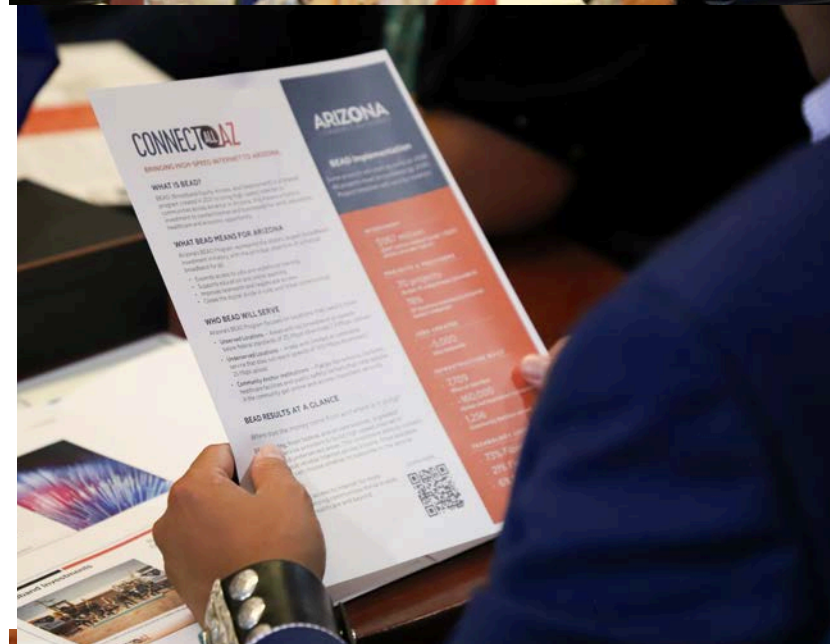
“We are grateful to the State of Arizona and Governor Katie Hobbs for their leadership and commitment to ensuring our communities are not left behind,” said Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren. **“This investment gives us a real opportunity to connect our people—whether through fiber, fixed wireless, or satellite and bring essential services directly into our homes.”**

The project is expected to connect 17,000 homes and community anchor institutions across the Navajo Nation, making it one of the largest broadband expansion efforts in the state. Navajo Nation’s award accounts for roughly one-third of Arizona’s total BEAD funding, underscoring both the scale of need and the significance of this investment.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Navajo students and families were forced to travel long distances or sit outside public buildings just to access internet services. This investment aims to ensure that those challenges become a thing of the past.

“This funding will directly impact our rural communities, where connectivity remains limited or nonexistent,” Speaker Crystalyn Curley continued “It will open doors for our students, improve access to telehealth services, and strengthen economic opportunities across the Nation.”

Construction is expected to begin as early as late 2026, following final approvals and contracting, with completion anticipated by 2030. Navajo Nation leadership reaffirmed its commitment to working in close partnership with the State of Arizona to meet aggressive federal timelines and deliver results for Navajo families.





HOOP BUS N7 TOUR BRINGS ENERGY, UNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY TO NAVAJO NATION CAPITAL

WINDOW ROCK — The Navajo Nation welcomed the Nike N7 Hoop Bus to the Navajo Nation Capital on Monday, April 6, bringing a day filled with basketball, community engagement, and unforgettable experiences for youth and families.

The Hoop Bus, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, partners with Nike N7 to support Native American and Indigenous youth through sport, wellness, opportunity, and cultural pride. As part of its Navajo Nation tour, the Hoop Bus made stops in Window Rock and Tuba City, creating spaces where community members could gather, play, and connect.

The bus itself, equipped with professional-grade hoops and a high-energy atmosphere, transformed the Capital grounds into a vibrant basketball environment. Throughout the day, children, youth, and families participated in 3-on-3 games, knockout competitions, and interactive basketball challenges.

“Basketball has always been a part of who we are as Navajo people—it brings our communities together, teaches discipline, and creates opportunities for our youth,” said Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren.

President Nygren joined in the activities and stepped onto the court as a team captain during a 3-on-3 matchup. He played alongside and against community members, including First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren and Miss Navajo Nation Camille Uentillie, adding to the spirit of connection and fun that defined the day.

Participants also received basketball shoes, gear, and other items provided by the Hoop Bus team, creating lasting memories for many youth in attendance.

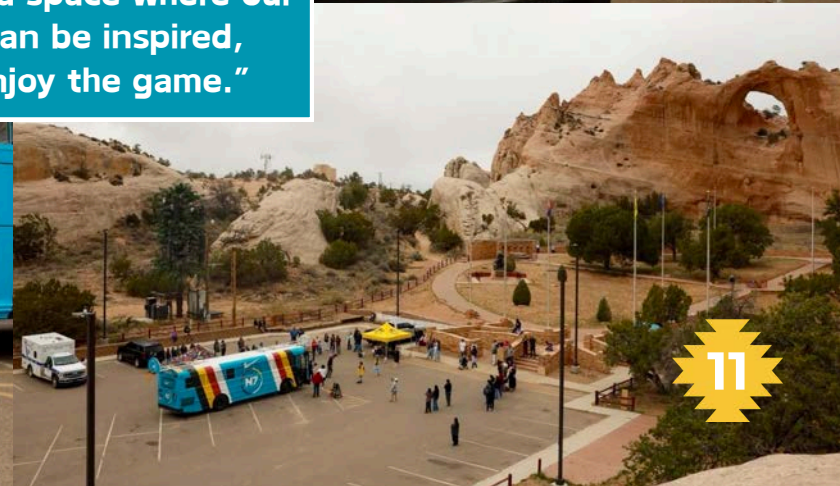
The event highlighted basketball’s role across the Navajo Nation as a unifying force that brings communities together through connection, competition, and shared experiences.



“We are grateful to the Hoop Bus and Nike N7 for bringing that energy here and creating a space where our young people can be inspired, connect, and enjoy the game.”



Miss Navajo Nation Camille Uentillie





REHOBOTH LYNX LOOK BACK ON THEIR SEASON WITH PRESIDENT NYGREN

WINDOW ROCK - The 2A State Runner-up Rehoboth Lynx boys basketball team and their coaches were guests of Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren when they visited the Stateroom to talk about their season and share a meal with the Navajo Nation's top basketball fan.

"Throughout our state run, going into the quarterfinal, semifinal, finals, something we always emphasized, 'We're not gonna dwell on how we could have done better,'" said senior Trajen West of the team's mindset throughout the postseason.

President Nygren congratulated the team members on their performance and the pride they brought to their families and communities throughout the season.

"It was exciting to see this team keep battling, keep the game close, and show our communities what's possible when our young people believe in themselves and give it everything they have," said President Nygren.

Drawing from his own experience, he encouraged the players to stay focused, believe in their path and take steady steps toward their future.

A proud Head Coach Kevin Zwiers said his team played great, and he couldn't be happier.

"We were bummed when we lost, but we could honestly look at each other and be like, we're legitimately did every single thing we could," he said, "so that was cool."

The President reminded them that their journey inspires younger athletes all across the Navajo Nation.



Rehoboth Lynx Basketball Team & Coaches



NAVAJO NATION RECOGNIZES THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD, APRIL 11-17



"The early years, from birth to age five, are the most critical to shape a child's future," President said. "We want our children to live a wonderful life, and to be proud that they're Diné"



WINDOW ROCK — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has proclaimed April 11-17 as the Week of the Young Child to recognize children as the foundation of the Navajo Nation's future.

"The early years, from birth to age five, are the most critical to shape a child's future," the President said. "We want our children to live a wonderful life, and to be proud that they are Navajo as well."

The proclamation honors Navajo children as the "sacred heart of the Navajo home. It aligns with the National Association for the Education of Young Children to promote early childhood development, seek high-quality early learning for all children from birth through age 8, and ensure all young children thrive to reach their full potential with values of equity, innovation and collaborative relationships.

The proclamation was signed at the Navajo Nation Museum where families gathered and Head Start

students welcomed attendees with songs in the Diné language, basket dances and participated in the signing.

Navajo Nation First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren said children are shaped by the guidance and care they receive from their parents. The environment children grow up in influences them throughout their lives.

Miss Navajo Nation Camille Uentillie told parents that children bring vibrant energy into families and communities. She said to always nurture and support that spirit. Attendees then heard from young leaders like Miss Window Rock High School Princess and TPLC Princess as they introduced themselves in the Diné Language.

Throughout the week, the Navajo Nation will spotlight Head Start and promote family-centered learning. This includes reading, playing and teaching Diné Bizaad at home through initiatives like "Family Friday" and intergenerational learning.



PRESIDENT NYGREN ENGAGES IN DATA-DRIVEN VISION WITH ASU FOR NAVAJO NATION DECISION MAKING



TSÉ BONITO, N.M. — Navajo Nation President Nygren joined leaders, community members, and partners from Arizona State University (ASU) on April 10 at the Navajo Department of Transportation in Tsé Bonito, N.M., to explore the development of a Navajo Nation Decision-Making Center through a Vision Diné Action Plan.

The session featured ASU’s Decision Theater, an interactive platform designed to help leaders make informed, data-driven decisions by modeling real-world scenarios before implementation. The system integrates data science, software engineering, and human-centered design to better understand complex challenges such as economic development, workforce needs, resource allocation, and public safety.

During the engagement, ASU representatives demonstrated how Decision Theater has supported other communities in visualizing trade-offs and improving decision-making processes. Discussions focused on how a similar platform could be tailored to meet the unique needs of the Navajo Nation, while remaining grounded in community priorities and cultural values.

President Nygren emphasized the importance of using data as a tool to strengthen leadership and improve outcomes for Navajo people.

“This is about using data to make faster, smarter decisions that truly help our people,” said President Nygren. “We want solutions that improve how we serve our communities and move the Navajo Nation forward.”

The discussion highlighted key priorities from Navajo Nation leadership, including maintaining full ownership and control of tribal data, protecting sovereignty, and ensuring that any partnership aligns with Diné values and community-centered design.

The meeting included participation from Navajo Nation leaders, department directors, and community members, reflecting a collaborative approach to shaping the Nation’s future. Leaders reaffirmed that innovation must be guided by the voices of the people and rooted in the principles that have long defined Navajo governance and culture. As shared during the session, this work builds on the legacy of forward-thinking leadership—honoring the vision of past leaders while creating pathways for future generations.



NIH'AWÉE' BAA NIHĪ DAHÓZHÓ DÓÓ BAA AHÉEH DANIIDZIN

Nih'awée' Baa NihĪ Dahózhó dóó Baa Ahééh Daniidzin meaning we are so happy and thankful for our babies. At our 3rd Annual Welcome Baby Celebration, we gathered to do exactly what the name carries, to honor, welcome, and celebrate our newest members. In our teachings, babies are sacred. They carry pure hearts and minds, and until their first laugh, they are considered holy. This day was about recognizing that beauty and surrounding our families with love and support.

We welcomed new parents, expecting parents, and the families who walk alongside them, because parenting was never meant to be done alone. While it is one of the greatest honors, it can also feel overwhelming at times. That's why creating spaces like these matters, spaces where we can connect, learn, and remind one another that there is no perfect parent, and no one is alone in this journey.

With over 30 programs and resources present, families were able to find support, ask questions, and build connections. These moments are important because what our children grow up in, they carry forward. When we lead with love, patience, and encouragement, that is what they become.

A powerful highlight of the day was when President Nygren signed a proclamation recognizing April 18th as Maternal Health Day, an important reminder that it all begins with a baby's first home. When our mothers are supported and healthy, our babies and our communities grow in beauty.

Spending the day with all of you filled our hearts and reaffirmed why we do this. We hope every family left feeling seen, supported, and celebrated.



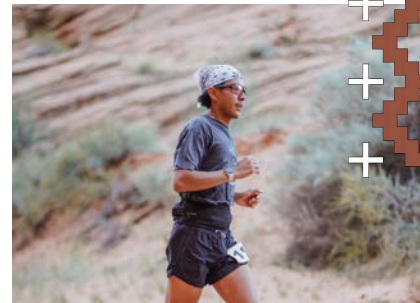
MOCCASIN RUNNING ANTELOPE CANYON X HALF MARATHON

Health is our most prized possession and it is so powerful when we choose to challenge ourselves and connect with the land.

The Moccasin Running Antelope Canyon X Half Marathon was nothing short of incredible. The beauty of this trail is unmatched and winding through the beautiful high canyon walls was the perfect way to reduce stress and boost our mental health. This course tested me. It's tough, it's humbling, and it pushes you to dig deep with every mile. President and I were honored to take part in the half marathon, and we are so grateful for the experience.

Thank you to the entire crew and organizers for putting on such a meaningful and well-run event. Your work brings people together in the best way.

Here's to continuing to choose our health, one step at a time.



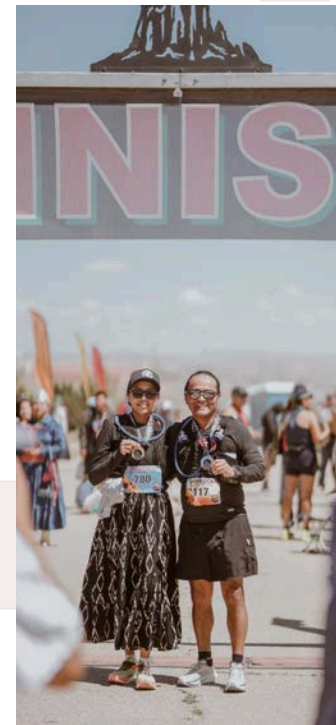
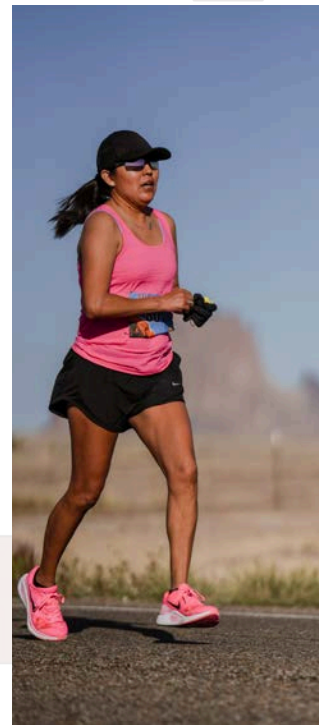
43RD ANNUAL SHIPROCK MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

The 43rd Annual Shiprock Marathon & Half Marathon was a tremendous success.

We were honored to see participants of all ages, from our local communities and from around the world come together.

Events like this remind us of the power of movement and the importance of caring for our health.

Thank you to Navajo YES for creating this space that encourages wellness for our people. I hope to see y'all at the next one!





HIGHLIGHTING PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRESS AT SAN JUAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

FARMINGTON, N.M. – On April 10, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined leaders from Leadership San Juan and community representatives from across San Juan County and the Four Corners region for San Juan County Government Day.

For 35 years, Leadership San Juan hosted through San Juan College has helped develop more than 800 graduates dedicated to serving their communities. The program brings together emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds to better understand the challenges, systems, and opportunities shaping San Juan County.

During the event, President Nygren reflected on his upbringing on the Navajo Nation and the experiences that shaped his path to leadership. He emphasized that those early challenges continue to guide his work today, reinforcing his belief that leadership is about building a future where the next generation no longer faces the same hardships.

He also shared insights from his time in office, highlighting a focus on problem-solving, strong partnerships, and a commitment to Diné communities. These priorities have supported major collaborative efforts, including the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project—a \$2.2 billion investment expected to deliver clean, reliable water to approximately 250,000 people.

President Nygren also provided updates on key initiatives launched under his administration, including the “1000 Home Initiative,” investments in renewable energy such as the Red Mesa Solar Farm, and continued growth of the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry.

Looking ahead, he reaffirmed his vision for the Navajo Nation – expanding water access to reduce the burden of hauling, increasing connections to electricity and broadband, strengthening local alcohol treatment and recovery services, and creating housing and economic opportunities for families, educators, healthcare workers, and veterans.

Lastly, President Nygren expressed appreciation to Leadership San Juan, San Juan County, and regional partners for their ongoing collaboration and shared commitment to progress.





HERITAGE LANGUAGE ASSEMBLY STRENGTHENS CULTURE AND COMMUNITY AT BLUFF ELEMENTARY

BLUFF, Utah — Rooted in tradition and carried forward by the next generation, the Diné language continues to thrive as young voices rise to preserve and celebrate their identity.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren attended the Heritage Language Assembly at Bluff Elementary School on April 15. The event brought together students, families, and educators to celebrate the Diné language and culture in a meaningful and successful gathering.

Students presented a variety of performances that reflected their learning and pride. The community enjoyed traditional singing and dancing, along with lifestyle plays that offered a deeper look into Diné teachings and everyday life. These performances brought both joy and laughter, creating a warm and uplifting atmosphere.

President Nygren acknowledged the strong commitment of the school and community, recognizing the important role of parents and teachers in guiding students and strengthening language use at a young age. He also shared his appreciation for meeting with community members and hearing their gratitude. He noted that even in communities located on the edge of the Navajo Nation, the language and culture remain strong.

The Nygren administration continues to support language preservation efforts, including providing Diné language books to families and expanding outreach through radio and digital platforms. These efforts aim to keep the language active in homes and in daily life.

“This gathering shows the strength of our people and the future of our language,” said President Nygren. “Our children are carrying forward who we are as Diné.”





NAVAJO NATION ENACTS PROCUREMENT REFORM TO MODERNIZE SYSTEMS AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

WINDOW ROCK — Strengthening how the Navajo Nation manages its resources is essential to delivering timely services, supporting economic growth, and ensuring transparency for the Navajo people.

Modernizing procurement will reduce delays, eliminate inefficiencies, and create stronger opportunities for Navajo-owned businesses to grow and succeed.

On April 17, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has signed into law Resolution No. CMA-22-26, enacting amendments to the Navajo Nation Procurement Act, previously adopted through Resolution No. CO-81-23. The law represents a major step forward in transforming how the Nation manages contracts and delivers services.

While signed into law, the legislation will not take effect until the Budget and Finance Committee adopts regulations. In the interim, President Nygren has requested the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to issue clear guidance on the current procurement process.

“This is about improving our system and leaving it better than when we found it,” said President Nygren. “For too long, our divisions have been overwhelmed with procurement responsibilities. This reform reduces that burden so programs can focus on delivering services to our people.”

The resolution establishes procurement methods including sealed bidding, sealed proposals, simplified acquisitions, micro-purchases, and non-competitive procurement. Once regulations are finalized, the Office of the Controller will take over sealed bidding and sealed proposals—particularly for larger procurements—centralizing key processes to improve efficiency.

“In many cases, processes were overloaded and caused delays,” President Nygren said. “This reform streamlines that workload, allowing for quicker turnaround times, more frequent bid openings, and faster service delivery.”

The reform aligns with the rollout of a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, helping transition the Nation away from paper-based processes.

“For decades, documents moved from office to office—sometimes getting lost or delayed. By modernizing, we increase transparency, track progress in real time, and improve accountability,” said President Nygren.

These improvements are expected to directly benefit communities by making it easier to process payments for essential services, including utilities and vendor services that support senior centers and local programs.

“This will help ensure services like water, electricity, and food programs are delivered without unnecessary delays,” President Nygren added.

“We want more Navajo businesses participating in our economy,” President Nygren said. “This is a step forward, and we will continue building toward greater opportunities for Navajo vendors and contractors.”

President Nygren emphasized that improving procurement is key to achieving broader infrastructure goals.

By signing Resolution CMA-22-26, the Navajo Nation reaffirms its commitment to transparency, efficiency, and better service for the Navajo people.



Sean McCabe, Office of the Controller



DINÉ COLLEGE INAUGURATES 19TH PRESIDENT

TSAILE, AZ — On April 16, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined faculty, students, and community members at Diné College for the formal inauguration of its 19th President, Dr. Deborah Jackson-Dennison.

Diné College is recognized as the first tribal college in the United States and a cornerstone of higher education rooted in Diné values, language, and culture.

Dr. Jackson-Dennison, an alumnus of Diné College, brings a wealth of experience in education, including a doctorate from Arizona State University, leadership roles as a superintendent, and service on national advisory boards. Throughout the ceremony, colleagues, family members, and community leaders recognized her lifelong commitment to advancing Native education.

The ceremony featured a family message by Charlene Jackson-Etnire and Carol Jackson-Holyan. A professional journey address done by Dr. Maggie Mangini, a former academic advisor, and a swearing in ceremony completed by Honorable Victor Clyde. Each message spoke to Dr. Jackson-Dennison's achievements and her commitment to advancing Native education.

In Dr. Jackson-Dennison's address, she reflected on her personal and professional journey, including her work with the Navajo Fellows Program, where many participants went on to pursue doctoral degrees. She emphasized the transformative power of education, its ability to strengthen identity, self-determination, and provide opportunity for all who pursue it. She also shared personal stories that shaped her purpose in her leadership.

Looking ahead, Dr. Jackson-Dennison outlined a vision for Diné College that includes revitalizing academic programs, strengthening community partnerships, and continuing to honor the institution's legacy.

President Nygren delivered congratulatory remarks entirely in the Navajo language. He acknowledged Dr. Jackson-Dennison's journey from student to president. He shared that her work is an example of what is possible for the Diné people, and expressed confidence in her leadership to guide Diné College forward.



Dr. Deborah Jackson-Dennison, 19th President





PRESIDENT NYGREN TOURS LECHEE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

LECHEE, AZ — On Thursday, April 16, Navajo Nation President Nygren received an on-site update on the LeChee Water Treatment Plant and Water System Improvement Project, a major infrastructure investment under Phase I of the Western Navajo Pipeline aimed at delivering a reliable, long-term water supply to the LeChee Chapter and surrounding areas.

During the site visit, President Nygren met with project partners, engineers, and field staff to review construction progress and key milestones, alongside LeChee Chapter officials and Navajo Nation Council Delegate Helena Nez-Begay, who shared their excitement as the long-anticipated project continues moving forward.

The project is designed to provide municipal, commercial, and industrial water sourced from Lake Powell, supporting both community needs and future economic development. Construction is actively underway across multiple components. The water treatment plant site is largely established, pipeline installation is mostly complete, and major civil work—including highway crossings and structural foundations—has been completed or is nearing completion.

Remaining work includes pump station construction and intake facility upgrades.

Key features of the project include a 1 million gallon per day membrane treatment facility, a 500,000-gallon raw water reservoir, a 320,000-gallon finished water reservoir, more than 31,000 feet of pipeline, and a 600 GPM booster pump station.

President Nygren emphasized the importance of expanding water capacity to support long-term growth and opportunity in the region.

“This is real progress for LeChee and the surrounding area,” said President Nygren. “Many families here still haul water, so increasing capacity is critical—not only for daily needs, but to support economic development. Access to reliable water is essential for our communities, and projects like this move us forward.”

The LeChee Water System Improvement Project stands as one of the largest infrastructure efforts in the Western Navajo Nation, reinforcing a long-term commitment to water security, community development, and sustainability for generations to come.





HILLTOP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VISITS OPVP, MEETS PRESIDENT NYGREN



WINDOW ROCK — Hilltop Christian School students got a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Office of the President, where they met directly with Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren for a fun and engaging conversation.

Third- and fourth-grade students, brought great energy and even better questions.

Some asked, “Is it fun being President?” “Have you met any Presidents?” “What’s it like being President of the Navajo Nation?” and even, “Is it hard being President?”

The room was full of curiosity, laughter, and honest moments.

President Nygren answered each question the best way he could, keeping it simple and relatable for the students. He shared stories about meeting U.S. Presidents, talked about the responsibilities that come with leadership, and reminded students that being President means always thinking about the future and how to improve the lives of the Navajo people.

He also spoke about the importance of education, knowing your clans, and staying connected to the Navajo language. He shared part of his own journey learning Navajo through the Bible and encouraged students to be proud of who they are and where they come from.

The visit included a special reading of *The Three Little Sheep*, which President Nygren read in Navajo and English. Each student received a copy of the book to take home, along with encouragement to keep reading and learning.

Before wrapping up, students and teachers shared a moment of prayer for the President, asking for guidance and strength.

It was a lively and meaningful visit that left a lasting impression. Moments like this remind President Nygren that he’s speaking with the future leaders of the Navajo Nation.





PRESIDENT NYGREN ATTENDS GROUNDBREAKING FOR N55 ROADWAY PROJECT IN ALAMO

ALAMO, NM — Navajo Nation President Nygren joined community members, leaders, and project partners on Friday, April 17, for the groundbreaking ceremony of the N55 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Alamo Chapter House —reinforcing a commitment to safer roads and stronger connectivity for surrounding communities.

The project will rehabilitate approximately 8.26 miles of roadway north of Alamo, enhancing safety, durability, and accessibility for residents and travelers. The Navajo Nation Department of Transportation (Navajo DOT) awarded the construction contract to Mountain States Constructors, Inc. (MSCI) in the amount of \$7,295,462.88, representing a significant investment in the community's future.

“This road connects families here in Alamo to surrounding communities, supports emergency response, and helps our students get to school safely,” said President Nygren **“That’s why this project matters—it’s about improving everyday life for our people.”**

Construction will focus on pavement rehabilitation to strengthen roadway conditions, improve travel efficiency, and reduce long-standing challenges caused by deteriorating infrastructure. The project also reflects a broader commitment to strengthening connectivity and supporting economic activity in rural communities.

Construction management will be led by Wilson and Company, Inc. (WCI), with CA2 Testing providing material testing and quality control to ensure all work meets required standards. Navajo DOT, in coordination with project partners, will oversee daily operations and maintain accountability throughout the construction process.

Mobilization began on April 17, with construction scheduled to start on April 20, 2026, and an anticipated completion date of June 27, 2026, weather permitting.

President Nygren also recognized the role of local advocates and leadership in bringing the project to fruition.

“This project is happening because community members and leaders kept pushing for it,” President Nygren said. “Today represents progress—turning that advocacy into action and delivering real results.”

The event was attended by Alamo Chapter officials, community members, Navajo Nation leadership, including Delegate Norman Begay and Delegate George Tolth, as well as representatives from Navajo DOT, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, MSCI, and WCI.

The N55 Pavement Rehabilitation Project represents a continued effort by the Navajo Nation to invest in critical infrastructure—ensuring safer roads, stronger communities, and improved opportunities for future generations.





39 STUDENTS RECEIVE SEAL OF BILINGUAL PROFICIENCY



GALLUP, NM — A new generation of Diné students is rising—grounded in language, identity, and purpose—as 39 graduates earn recognition for proficiency in both the Diné and English languages.

On April 17, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined the Navajo Nation Board of Education in honoring 39 students from 16 schools who earned the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency. 11 students achieved the distinguished superior level.

The celebration brought together families, educators, and community members to recognize the students’ accomplishments. Students introduced themselves and delivered short speeches in the Diné language, reflecting both confidence and cultural pride.

This year’s recognition marks meaningful growth. The 39 students represent a significant increase from 22 the previous year—an encouraging sign that the Diné language is being actively learned, spoken, and carried forward.

President Nygren offered his congratulations and words of encouragement, recognizing the students’ dedication to preserving and strengthening the Diné language.

“Being bilingual, especially with a Seal of Bilingual Proficiency, creates real advantages,” said President Nygren. **“Many employers are actively looking for bilingual employees. In fact, over 60 percent of employers in the U.S. prefer bilingual staff. That demand translates into higher pay. As you earn this seal, you’re honoring your identity and opening doors for your future.”**

To earn the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency, high school seniors must pass a rigorous assessment administered each spring by the Department of Diné Education, demonstrating their ability to speak, read, and write in the Diné language.





PRESIDENT NYGREN PROCLAIMS 'MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY' ON THE NAVAJO NATION



SHIPROCK, NM – Honoring the sacred role of mothers, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren proclaimed April 18, 2026 as “Maternal Health Awareness Day,” emphasizing the need to protect and prioritize maternal health across the Navajo Nation.

The proclamation highlights that maternal health extends beyond pregnancy and childbirth, encompassing the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of women. Across the United States, more than 800 women die each year from pregnancy-related causes, with tens of thousands more experiencing severe complications. More than 80 percent of these deaths are considered preventable with timely and quality care.

American Indian and Alaska Native women continue to face disproportionate risks, with significantly higher rates of maternal mortality. Contributing factors include preventable conditions such as hemorrhage, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and violence. The proclamation also emphasizes that nearly half of maternal deaths occur during the postpartum period, underscoring the need for continued care well after childbirth.

President Nygren’s proclamation calls attention to the importance of early prenatal care, postpartum support, and access to culturally grounded services, including doulas, midwives, and community health representatives. It also highlights the need to expand healthcare access in rural and underserved communities across the Navajo Nation through telehealth, mobile care, and strengthened healthcare infrastructure.



“Every mother deserves respectful, responsive, and culturally appropriate care,” said President Nygren. **“By raising awareness and strengthening support systems, we can protect our mothers, our children, and the future of the Navajo Nation.”**

The proclamation encourages community members, healthcare providers, leaders, and organizations to work together to improve maternal health outcomes and eliminate preventable maternal deaths across the Nation.



NAVAJO PREP HOSTS INAUGURAL GALA CELEBRATING STUDENTS, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, AND SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

FARMINGTON, NM — On April 18, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren joined Navajo Preparatory School for its inaugural gala, an evening dedicated to celebrating students, community, and the bright futures ahead for Diné youth.

The event brought together supporters, alumni, educators, and community leaders in a powerful show of unity and investment in education.

Organized in just 60 days, the gala raised an impressive \$45,900 from 22 sponsors and featured a silent auction with \$25,000 worth of items—demonstrating strong community commitment to student success.

The evening was in support of scholarship opportunities that directly support Navajo Prep students. These include the Board of Trustees Scholarships such as the Academic Excellence Scholarship awarded to the valedictorian, the William Tso Memorial Scholarship for the salutatorian, the Ernesteen Bates Memorial Scholarship, and additional Academic Merit Scholarships.

Student fee scholarships also play a vital role in supporting residential life, academic programming, athletics, and student activities.

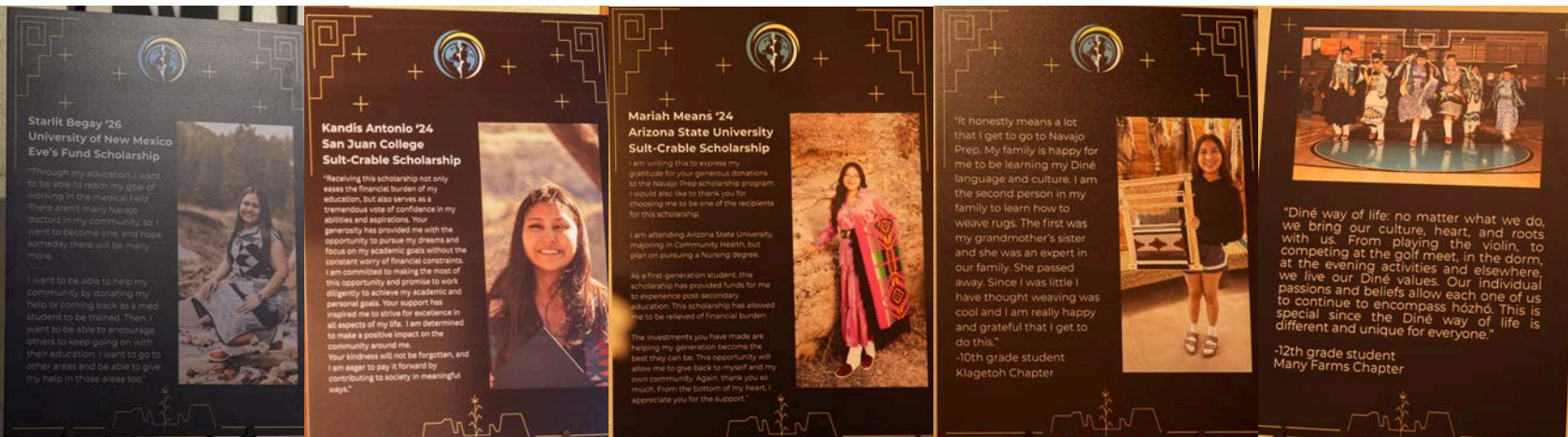
Programs like the Nááts'íilid and Eve's Fund scholarships further assist students as they transition to college.

“This evening shows what’s possible when our communities come together for our youth,” said President Nygren. “Every scholarship represents support and the belief in the potential of our Diné students.”

Later, the evening also featured remarks from alumna Kellianne Staggers '18 and Watson Whitford '23, who shared how their experience at Navajo Prep shaped their path grounded in culture and community.

Through the generosity of donors and supporters, Navajo Prep’s scholarship programs continue to open doors for students, ensuring access to high-quality education.

Navajo Prep continues to demonstrate outstanding outcomes. Serving 314 students in grades 9–12, with 62 percent participating in the residential program, the school has maintained a 94 percent graduation rate since 2020. Notably, 100 percent of the Class of 2025 has been accepted into a four-year college or university.





PRESIDENT NYGREN HONORS PAGE LADY SAND DEVILS FOR 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON



WINDOW ROCK — Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren welcomed and honored the Page High School Lady Sand Devils during a special visit to the Office of the President and Vice President on Tuesday, April 21, recognizing their 2026 Arizona 3A State Championship season and the resilience behind their title run.

The Lady Sand Devils captured the championship in February with a thrilling 32–30 victory over the Window Rock Lady Scouts at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Trece Tsingine earned MVP honors in the championship game, helping lead the team to its second state title in three years. The team finished the season 17–14 overall and 6–5 in the 3A North Region.

Representing communities across the Navajo Nation including Shonto, Kaibeto, LeChee, Bodaway Gap, and Page, the team overcame adversity throughout the season. The Lady Sand Devils spent much of the year practicing and competing in Page’s middle school gym due to issues with their high school floor while also battling injuries and difficult losses.

During the visit, the team shared lunch with President Nygren and reflected on the hard work and teamwork that fueled their championship run. Head Coach Celeste Claw praised the players for remaining focused and united through challenges.

Several seniors also shared their future plans. Aubrey Dodson will continue her basketball career at South Mountain Community College, Tayla Franklin will attend Yavapai Community College, and Issianna Brown plans to attend college while serving in the Air Force Reserves.



“You faced challenges all season, but you stayed together and believed in each other,” said President Nygren. “That resilience is what made you champions, and it will carry you far.”



PRESIDENT NYGREN ATTENDS FINAL GATHERING OF NATIONS POWWOW IN ALBUQUERQUE

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On April 25, 2026, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren attended the Gathering of Nations Powwow at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where thousands gathered in a powerful celebration of Indigenous identity, culture, and unity.

This year’s event carried special meaning with the theme, “The Last Dance,” marking what many recognized as the final Gathering of Nations. President Nygren said he was honored to witness such a historic occasion and stand among Native people from across Indian Country and around the world.

“Gatherings such as this remind us that our people remain strong, united, and proud of who we are,” President Nygren said.

President Nygren met with many community members from the Navajo Nation, along with relatives from numerous tribes and nations. They arrived in celebration of this finale, with over-capacity crowds at events throughout the grounds, especially the long lines for the main powwow event. He expressed pride in seeing Indigenous people come together in celebration, strength, and resilience, showing that Native cultures continue to thrive for future generations.

President Nygren also appreciated the opportunity to visit the outdoor festivities and hear directly from attendees, including many urban Navajo families and visitors who shared their joy and gratitude for the event. The gathering reflected the lasting spirit of Indigenous nations and the importance of carrying traditions forward for the next generation.





PRESIDENT NYGREN URGES NAVAJO HEALTHCARE PRIORITIES IN MEETING WITH HHS SECRETARY ROBERT E. KENNEDY JR.



WASHINGTON, D.C. – Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren met with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to emphasize urgent healthcare priorities impacting the Navajo Nation and Tribal communities across the country.

During the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee meeting, President Nygren urged increased investment in the Indian Health Service, long-term funding stability, and expansion of 638 self-governance programs. He highlighted the construction of the Gallup Indian Medical Center as the Navajo Nation’s top healthcare infrastructure priority, stressing its importance in improving access to care for communities across the region.

The discussion also focused on strengthening workforce development, behavioral health services, and emergency preparedness, while raising concerns over proposed reductions to critical programs that support Tribal health systems.

“Healthcare for our people requires long-term commitment, not short-term fixes,” said President Nygren. “We are urging federal partners to invest in solutions that match the scale of the Navajo Nation. Advancing the Gallup Indian Medical Center and strengthening behavioral health services are essential to ensuring our communities have reliable, quality care. We appreciate Secretary Kennedy’s engagement and look forward to continued partnership to deliver meaningful results for our people.”

President Nygren also emphasized the importance of culturally grounded care, including behavioral health services that integrate traditional healing with modern treatment approaches.

The consultation provided an opportunity for direct engagement between Tribal leaders and federal officials, reinforcing the Navajo Nation’s commitment to strengthening partnerships and advocating for healthcare solutions that meet the needs of it’s people.





FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE LAUNCHED TO STRENGTHEN NAVAJO FAMILIES

WINDOW ROCK — Across the Navajo Nation, many families continue to face financial barriers. With average incomes of \$33,323 and high unemployment rates, Navajo families often reach into their pocket for their last couple of dollars to pay bills or fall into predatory lending traps.

To help families make well informed financial decisions, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren proclaimed April 2026 as “Financial Literacy Month.” The proclamation comes at a time when many Navajo households continue to face barriers to financial access.

“Native communities experience the highest unbanked rate in the United States at 16.3 percent, nearly four times the national average,” President Nygren said referring to families who do not have a checking or savings account. **“We empower our people through financial knowledge so they can create smart financial decisions to increase credit scores, and plan future goals like home purchases.”**

The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President will release financial literacy videos developed in partnership with Wells Fargo and Oweesta. The videos cover budgeting, saving, credit building, banking access, and entrepreneurship in Navajo and English.

Navajo Nation community representatives will use Navajo Financial Mobility classes to carry financial knowledge to their chapters to assist families interested in financial literacy education.

In our schools, students are introduced to financial concepts in hands on banking classes through interactive lessons, games, and classroom instruction.

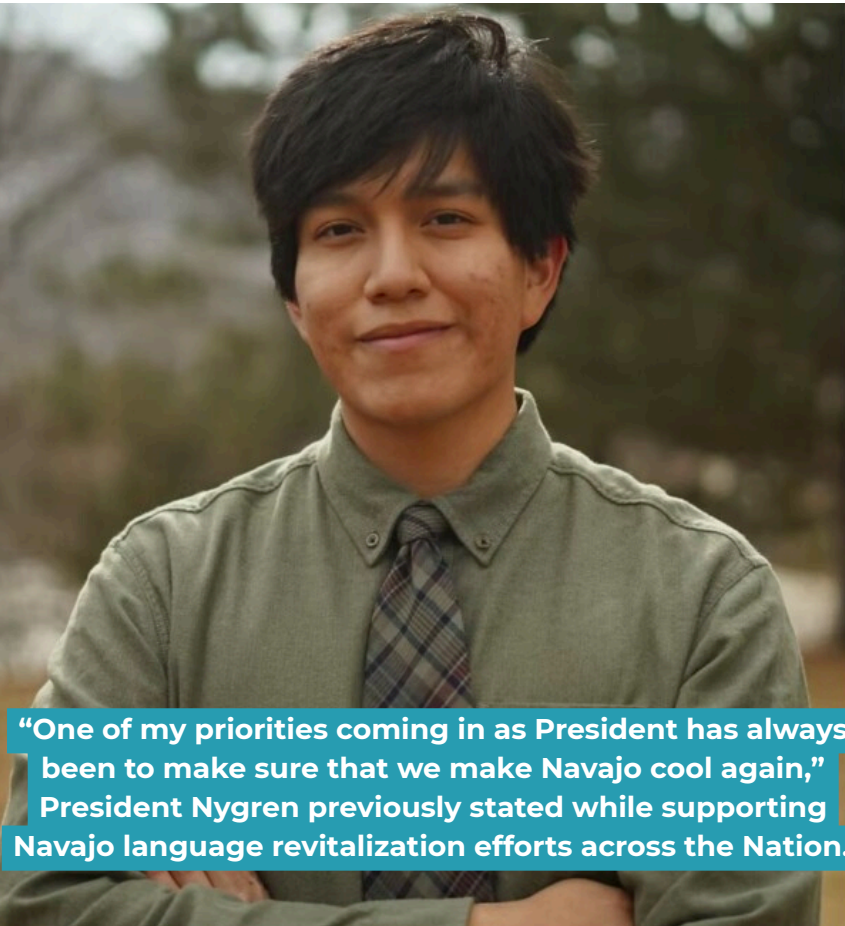
We encourage all families to take part in Financial Literacy Month by engaging with available resources to build the knowledge for a stable financial future.

“When our people understand savings and credit scores, it allows them to achieve their goals such as buying that new home to raise their families or having a reliable vehicle to get them to and from work,” President Nygren said.





DINÉ: NAVAJO LANGUAGE APP LAUNCH IN TUBA CITY



“One of my priorities coming in as President has always been to make sure that we make Navajo cool again,” President Nygren previously stated while supporting Navajo language revitalization efforts across the Nation.



TUBA CITY, Ariz. — A new mobile app designed to support and preserve the Diné language officially launched this spring, bringing together community members, learners, and fluent speakers to celebrate Navajo language revitalization through technology.

Created by 24-year-old developer Albert Haskie, the “Diné: Navajo Language App” was released on April 30 and aims to make learning and practicing the Navajo language more accessible for people of all ages and backgrounds.

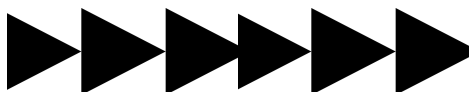
Before the official launch, President Buu Nygren also participated in beta testing of the Diné: Navajo Language App, offering feedback and support as the platform was being developed. His involvement highlighted the administration’s continued support for innovative approaches to Navajo language revitalization and the use of technology to engage younger generations in learning Diné Bizaad

A launch celebration for the app was held May 16 at the Tuba City E-Ship Hub, where attendees were invited to download the app, connect with other learners, and celebrate the continuing growth of Diné language education.

The app reflects a growing movement among young Diné innovators using digital tools and modern platforms to help preserve and strengthen Navajo language and culture for future generations.

“This is about creating more opportunities for our people to hear, learn, and use the language every day,” organizers shared during the launch event.

Community members gathered to support the project and recognize the importance of keeping the Diné language alive through education, technology, and intergenerational learning.





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