

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Nihitahgó Adahooníílgíí Baahane'

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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Nít béé hoziníshii...

Did You Know...

The four major roads in Shiprock are named for the four sacred mountains of the Navajo Nation Homeland (Diné'tah): The traditional Navajo homeland sits between four sacred mountains marking the cardinal directions: Sis Naajini (Blanca Peak, CO), Tsoodzil (Mount Taylor, NM), Dook'o'ooliid (San Francisco Peaks, AZ), and Dibé Nitsaa (Hesperus Peak, CO).

T'áán náhah bikeh ndahoo'aah

Events:

May: T'ááts'oh - Big Leaves

May 2: Running of the Roses - Kentucky Derby

May 4: May the 4th Be With You

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 8: Mother's Day

May 25: Memorial Day

June: Ya'iishjáashchilí - Little Planting

June 14: Flag Day

June 19: Juneteenth

June 20: Summer Solstice

June 21: Father's Day

New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Awards \$92.9 million to New Mexico Tribes



The New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board recently awarded \$92.9 million for 23 critical infrastructure projects benefiting Tribal Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes throughout New Mexico. These investments will strengthen water and wastewater systems, health care facilities, public safety infrastructure, transportation networks, and community facilities, improving the quality of life for Tribal residents and neighboring communities.

Recipients in this funding cycle include Pojoaque Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, Fort Sill Apache Tribe, Jemez Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, and several Navajo Nation communities, including Fort Defiance Chapter, Tse Alnoazt'i'i Chapter, Thoreau Chapter, Huerfano Chapter, Mexican Springs Chapter, Iyanbito Chapter, and Coyote Canyon Chapter.

Since its establishment in 2006, the Tribal Infrastructure Fund has invested nearly \$419 million in more than 363 projects across New Mexico. The program continues to play a vital role in supporting infrastructure development and enhancing the health, safety, and well-being of Tribal communities throughout the state.



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◆ NAVAJO NATION ◆

COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING

← ◆ TRAINING ◆ →

Submitted by Latasha James, Senior Planner

Ramah Navajo – Community Land Use Plan Update

The Ramah Navajo Chapter continues to make steady progress toward updating and recertifying its Community Land Use Plan. The Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) is actively revising the chapter's land use plan, including updating its goals, priorities, and objectives to better reflect the current and future needs of the community.

As the recertification process moves closer to completion, the committee remains committed to strengthening long-term planning efforts and community development initiatives. In collaboration with the Senior Planner, the committee is diligently updating the land use plan to ensure the document is comprehensive, current, and aligned with the community's future growth and development goals.

Alamo Navajo – Finalizes Land Use Plan

The Alamo Navajo Chapter has made significant progress in advancing its community land use planning efforts after more than 20 years without an updated Land Use Planning Manual. Over the past two years, the Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) has worked diligently to revise and strengthen the document to better reflect the community's current conditions, future growth, and long-term development goals.

The updated manual includes key planning components such as transportation planning, open space planning, current chapter projects, and community assessment data, providing a comprehensive framework for future decision-making. Guided by a renewed vision and mission, the committee remains committed to improving the overall quality of life and creating a stronger, more sustainable future for the Alamo Navajo community.

The Land Use Planning Manual is now complete and awaiting legislative sponsorship from Delegate Norman Begaye.



Diné Bikéyah ◆
(Navajo Land)

◆ Diné Be' liná
(Navajo Future)



Casamero Lake Cemetery Project Completes Phase I

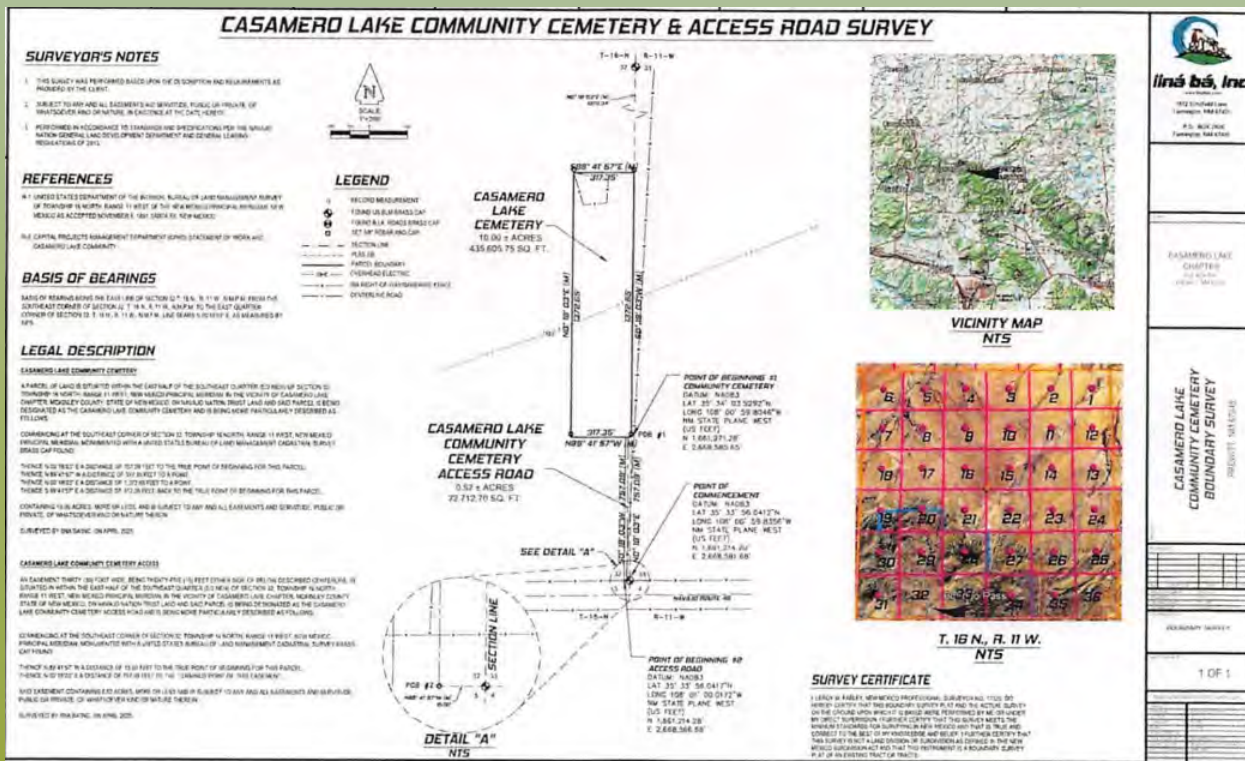
The Casamero Lake Chapter has successfully completed Phase I of the Casamero Lake Cemetery Project, marking an important milestone toward improving community infrastructure and preserving a dedicated resting place for residents and families.

Phase I of the project included conducting a legal survey for the proposed cemetery site and the cemetery access road. These efforts are essential steps in establishing clear property boundaries, ensuring proper access, and preparing the project for future development phases.

The total cost for Phase I was \$96,000. The completion of the legal survey work lays the foundation for continued planning and future construction activities that will support the long-term needs of the Casamero Lake community.

Community leaders expressed appreciation for the progress made on the project and emphasized the importance of developing a safe, accessible, and properly planned cemetery for local families. The project reflects the chapter's continued commitment to improving community services and honoring future generations.

Additional phases of the project are expected to focus on design, infrastructure improvements, and construction activities as funding becomes available.

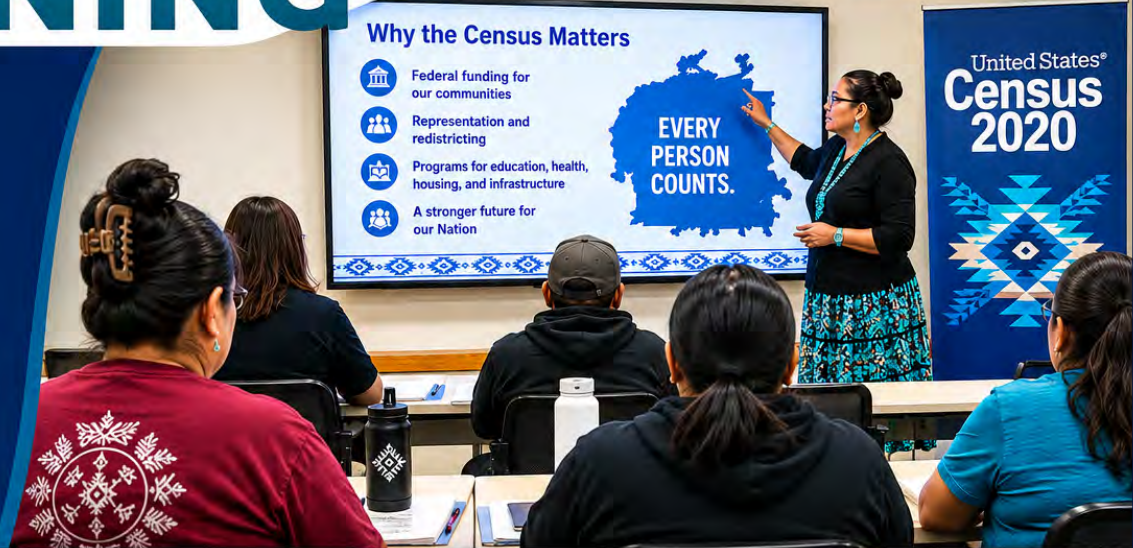


US CENSUS TRAINING

COUNT EVERYONE.
SHAPE OUR
FUTURE.

Our People.
Our Nation.
Our Future.

Navajo Nation Chapter staff are receiving US Census training to ensure our communities are informed, prepared, and counted.



WE LEARN

Understanding the census and its impact on our communities.



WE SHARE

Bringing accurate information back to our communities.



WE EMPOWER

Empowering our people to participate and be proudly counted.



WE BUILD

Building a stronger Nation for generations to come.

FROM OUR CHAPTERS. FOR OUR PEOPLE. FOR OUR NATION.

Chapter Officials and CLUPC Members Receive Land Use Planning and U.S. Census Training

UPPER FRUITLAND, N.M. — May 12, 2026 — Chapter officials, Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) members, and chapter staff from across the Northern Agency participated in a Land Use Planning and U.S. Census training hosted by the Shiprock Administrative Services Center at the Upper Fruitland Chapter on May 12, 2026.

The training focused on strengthening local planning efforts and enhancing participants' understanding of land use ordinances, comprehensive planning, and the use of demographic data in community development.

During the training, attendees reviewed provisions of the Navajo Nation Code, Title 26, Subchapter 7, including requirements for comprehensive plans, land use variations, chapter ordinance procedures, and the land use ordinance process. Participants also discussed updates to Community Land Use Plans and shared progress reports from their respective CLUPCs.

One component of the training focused on the 2020 U.S. Census and its application in community planning. Participants learned how census data can be used to identify population trends, housing needs, infrastructure demands, and economic conditions to support informed decision-making and future capital improvement projects.

The training provided valuable tools and resources to assist chapters in updating their land use plans, developing ordinances, and utilizing data-driven approaches to address community priorities. By combining land use planning principles with census-based analysis, chapter leaders are better equipped to guide sustainable growth and long-term development within their communities.

The Shiprock Administrative Services Center continues to support chapters through educational workshops and technical assistance that promote effective planning and community development throughout the Navajo Nation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTERS

We are proud to introduce the first **ASC Monthly Go-Getter Recognition**, which highlights employees who consistently demonstrate dedication, teamwork, professionalism, and a willingness to go above and beyond in support of the Administrative Service Centers and the communities we serve.

This month's Go-Getter Recognition is awarded to **Ms. Patricia Begay, Ms. Kristen Charley, and Ms. Daphne Parrish** for their outstanding dedication and commitment to supporting the Administrative Service Centers (ASC).

Ms. Begay (Ft. Defiance ASC) has consistently gone above and beyond by offering her expertise and guidance wherever needed. She is always willing to assist staff across ASC offices and emphasizes collaboration and teamwork in all that she does.

Ms. Charley (Tuba City ASC) has also demonstrated exceptional dedication by stepping in wherever her expertise is needed, particularly in providing ASO technical assistance to another ASC office. Whether running checks, reviewing FAFs, or providing chapters with in-depth MIP assistance, Ms. Charley consistently shows a willingness to go the extra mile to support others.

Ms. Parrish (Kayenta ASC) has successfully navigated the challenges of supporting her SPPS while helping ensure that the Kayenta ASC maintains open communication with chapters. She has also played an important role in ensuring a smooth transition during the office renovation and coordination with the Kayenta Chapter. From communicating with chapters, assisting with interviews, and providing feedback to ASC Central, Ms. Parrish continues to meet every challenge with professionalism, positivity, and a smile.

Congratulations to Ms. Begay, Ms. Charley, and Ms. Parrish for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to excellence.

Jaron Charley

Dilkon ASC

The Dilkon ASC Office successfully completed three key events this month, focusing on financial training, infrastructure development, and community collaboration:

Chapter Budget Training: On May 13, 2026, Dilkon ASC staff hosted "Understanding the Chapter Budget Process" at the Indian Wells Community Center. The session, presented by ASO Toni Mina, included a Navajo Taco lunch provided by the ASC team.



Dilkon ASC

TTIP Session: On May 15, 2026, staff and officials from the Fort Defiance Agency Chapter met at the Navajo DOT Main Complex in Tse Bonito, NM. Shaquilla Yazzie, NDOT Department Manager, led a focused training on the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP).



Dilkon ASC

Indian Wells Community Meeting: A meeting was held on May 27, 2026, starting at the Indian Wells CStore and concluding with a luncheon at the Indian Wells Community Center. The event was sponsored by the Indian Wells Administration, including CSC George John and AMS Renee Lee, alongside Chapter Officials Ricky Nelson and Linda Nelson.



Story Submission by: Jennifer Ruskin, Dilkon ASC Office Specialist

JEDITO CHAPTER

Jeddito Chapter Administrative Staff, Chapter Officials and PEP employees are busy at work this month.

The community members enjoyed the Mother's Day luncheon after the monthly Chapter Meeting:



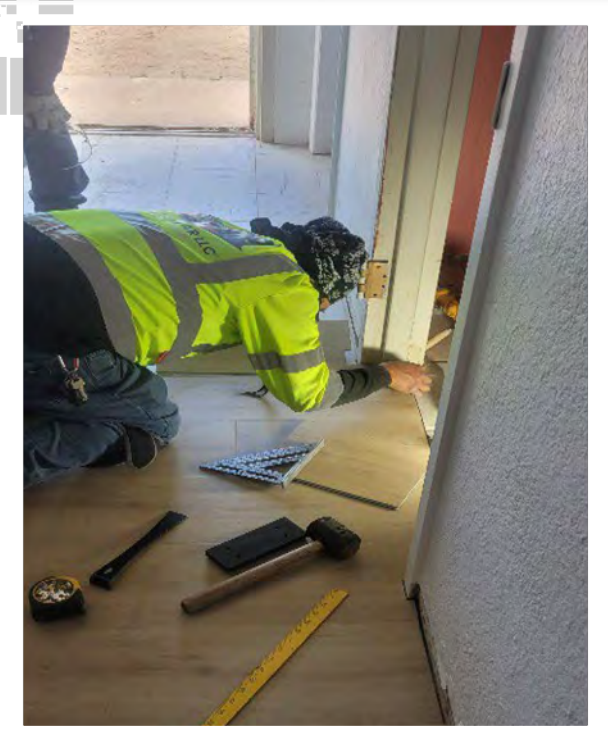
The Jeddito Chapter hire workers to construct two-bathroom additions which is a collaborative project with the Fort Defiance - Office of Environment Health & Engineering.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

JEDITO CHAPTER

Chapter House flooring is completed and creates a face lift. Workers have worked diligently.



The Community Land Use Planning Committee have been busy collecting residential survey to update their CLUPC Comprehensive Plan Manual. The five members are eager to advance and receive technical assistance from various resources. They had a Strategic Planning Session and the next step is to review the manual to begin the updating the statics collected.

Employment:

The Chapter administration announced the SYEP Application drive for the student to begin submitting their application for employment. Student have stopped by to pick up their application & returned them.



Office of Dine Youth Application Drive and recreational activity



The Veterans Organization held their Memorial Day event on Monday, May 25, 2026. Recognitions, awards, Folding & Unfolding of Memorial Flags and a great meal was served.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

WHITECONE CHAPTER

White Cone Chapter had a busy and productive month serving the community with fresh food and traditional learning. Here is a friendly look at what they accomplished:

Feeding Our Families

The chapter continues to support local homes by hosting a food bank twice every month. These events help between 80 and 100 families each time they open their doors.

Growing Together

The community garden is officially under way! On May 08, Rick and Laura Dick stopped by to show everyone how to get started. By May 16, Chapter Vice President McKenzie Belin and several community members rolled up their sleeves to begin the official planting.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

WHITECONE CHAPTER (cont.)

Caring for the Land

About 30 people gathered for a special workshop hosted by the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA). This was a great time for neighbors, ranchers, and local producers to talk about our shared duty to care for the earth. The group shared stories and ideas on how Dine' Fundamental Laws and modern rules can work together to keep Navajo traditions strong for the future.

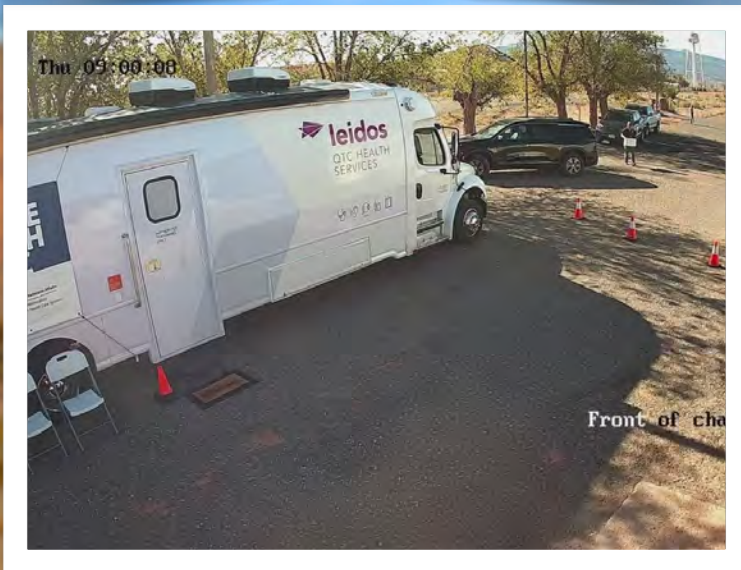


CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

RED VALLEY CHAPTER

N.N. District 12 Veteran Service event was held at Red Valley Chapter House on May 14, 2026.

The Red Valley Chapter House organized the Navajo Nation District 12 Veteran Service Event on May 14, 2026. Local veterans from our community and neighboring areas participated in this event, where they could enroll for VA health benefits and learn about various services related to housing, medical, and pension claims. Additional resources were made accessible at this event, and a local motor vehicle clinic was provided for veterans to receive health check-ups. Lunch was offered, and numerous resources were available at this event the entire day.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

RED VALLEY CHAPTER (cont.)

N.N. District 12 Veteran Service event was held at Red Valley Chapter House on May 14, 2026.


Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (ARMP)

The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources invites all tribal and community members to participate in a Public Input Session for the Agricultural Resource Management Plan (ARMP). The ARMP is being developed to strengthen food sovereignty, promote sustainable land use, and honor Diné cultural values, traditional knowledge, and community priorities.

When: May 21st, 2026
Time: 2 PM to 5 PM*
Where: Red Valley Chapter House

If you would like more information, visit our website at navajoarmp.com or feel free to reach out to our team at info@navajoarmp.com or via phone at (602) 732-3898.



N.N. District 12 VETERAN SERVICE EVENT



All Veterans and Veteran family members welcome
VA ENROLLMENT SERVICES, VA BENEFITS SERVICES,
& OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

Red Valley Chapter House Tuesday
May 14, 2026 0900-1500 DST

Enroll to begin receiving VA health benefits.
VA service connection and pension claims services.
Native American Direct Loan program information.
Learn more about VA and community program.
VA Medical Services.

Veterans bring copy of DD 214 and/or medical evidence for claims. Red Valley Chapter House, Chapter House 52, Red Valley, AZ 86544 (36.5978, -109.0593)

Contact Joshua Wear (928) 458-8713 for more information.



Bulletin Board

Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

New NM scholarship to cover tuition for Native American students attending out-of-state colleges

BY KATIE MARSHALL

SANTA FE, N.M. –

Native American students from New Mexico who plan to attend college in neighboring states may now qualify for a new state-funded scholarship covering full in-state tuition costs.

Applications are now open for the Native American Tuition Scholarship, a new program from the New Mexico Higher Education Department aimed at expanding college access for tribal residents.

Under the program, eligible students can receive funding to cover in-state tuition at public colleges and universities in Arizona and Colorado, as well as Texas Tech University.

State education leaders say the initiative is intended to broaden options for Native American students while strengthening ties between New Mexico tribes and neighboring states that share historical and cultural connections.

"Education creates opportunity, strengthens communities and helps students build a better future for themselves and their families," Higher Education Secretary Stephanie

M. Rodriguez said in a statement. "This scholarship is about creating pathways for Native American students to achieve their educational goals and come back to their communities in New Mexico in the future."

To qualify, students must be New Mexico residents, provide proof of tribal affiliation and enroll in an eligible institution covered by the program. Priority consideration will be given to graduates of New Mexico high schools.

Scholarship awards will be available beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.

Nathana Bird, director of the New Mexico Indian Education Division, said the program reflects the state's commitment to supporting Native American students wherever they choose to pursue higher education.

Applications close July 1. More information about eligibility requirements and the application process is available at [hed.nm.gov](https://www.hed.nm.gov).



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\$20M water pipeline from Albuquerque to remote Navajo community nears completion

By Cormac Dodd cdodd@sfnewmexican.com May 29, 2026

A yearslong effort to extend a pipeline from Albuquerque's water system to the Navajo community of To'hajiilee, which has long grappled with an acute drinking water crisis, is finally approaching completion, officials say.

Mark Begay, a local resident who is working for the engineering company overseeing the \$20 million project, said he expects the new line to be running sometime this summer.

"We're planning on finishing up in June," said Begay (Navajo). "From there, we'll have good water, drinkable water for our community for generations to come. They won't have to worry about running out of water."

Funding has come from the Navajo Nation, the state Water Trust Board and the state Tribal Infrastructure Fund, with no contribution from Bernalillo County taxpayers, according to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, which will own and maintain the part of the pipeline not on Navajo Nation land.

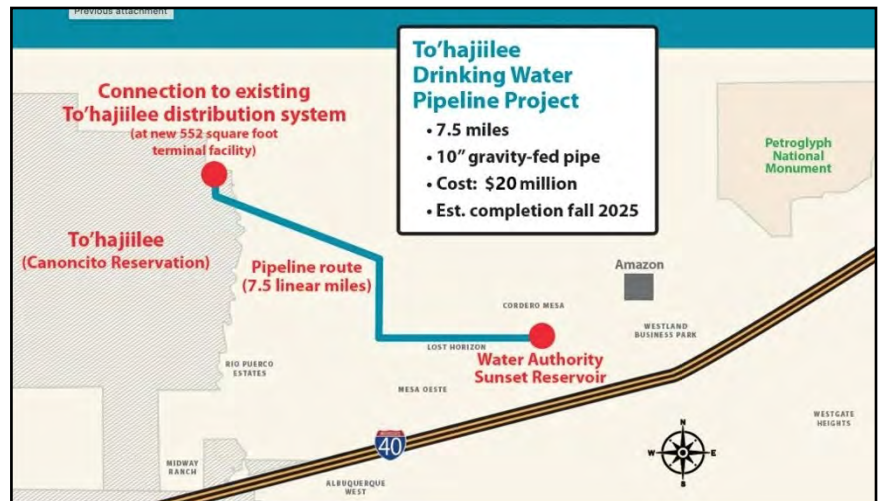
The To'Hajiilee Chapter of the Navajo Nation will be responsible for the water system on tribal land with local leadership responsible for billing. Currently, residents pay a flat rate for water service.

The pipeline will provide Navajo Nation water leased through the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

The project is 95% completed, said George Mihalik of Souder, Miller & Associates, the firm hired by the Navajo Nation for the project. The actual water infrastructure has been built out; what's left is completion of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, which will allow the water authority to control the system remotely.

To'hajiilee, about 30 miles west of Albuquerque, is a "satellite" Navajo community – meaning it's not geographically attached to the larger Navajo Nation. The community has about 360 active users on its current water system, which once depended on six wells.

READ MORE: <https://bit.ly/4oqOWhS>



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Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

Flipping the Switch on Opportunity: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Helps Bring Solar Power to Navajo Nation Families

22 April 2026 - Chinle, Arizona - News Release

As the sun set each evening in the Navajo Nation, Colynn Begay used a small battery-powered light to help her five sons finish homework, prepare snacks and get ready for bed. On its brightest setting, the light often lasted only 20 minutes.

"Life is so challenging because I have no electricity," said Begay, a single mother. "When this light goes out for me, I have no way to see to get my kids ready or prepare their school clothes the night before. Even walking into the kitchen, I cannot see in there, so I would just have to use my phone [light]. And my kids can't do their homework because we have no light at night. So I usually try to do their homework with them the moment they get back from school."

Begay's family lives about 30 minutes outside Chinle, Arizona. Across the Navajo Nation, approximately 14,000 homes lack access to electricity. Like many families, daily life revolved around daylight, including driving to relatives' homes to charge devices, and traveling an hour round trip each night just to eat out because they had neither a refrigerator nor a stove.

That changed in early March 2026 when her home received a solar power system through a collaboration between Heart of America, a national education nonprofit, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In recent years, the Church has supported efforts to expand access to electricity and water in remote Navajo Nation communities, working alongside tribal, state and nonprofit collaborators.

Meeting a Foundational Need

Heart of America works with local school districts to identify households with K-12 students that lack electricity. The organization has installed solar systems in hundreds of homes across the Navajo Nation, focusing on educational stability and student well-being.

"The opportunity for us to provide students and their families with electricity and power at home really is a game changer," said Heart of America President and CEO Jill Heath. "We focus on making sure the student has what he or she needs to succeed – the ability to do homework after the sun sets, the ability to read, to connect with family. However, that's just the beginning."

After learning of the need and visiting the area, the



Church joined with Heart of America to fund solar installations for another 100 student-family homes. In total, Heart of America has now helped more than 450 such homes across the Navajo Nation. The Church's support also helps provide portable lighting as well as age appropriate educational and enrichment materials for families.

"We were thrilled, we were overjoyed, and started planning immediately," Heath said. "When this grant came along, and the Church so generously said, 'We want to help provide more students with electricity and power,' we knew that this was going to be a great collaboration."

Power That Changes Daily Life

Each solar kit includes rooftop panels, batteries, lighting, a charge controller, an inverter and a refrigeration unit. Together, the systems provide reliable power for lighting, food storage and essential devices, replacing temporary solutions such as fuel-powered generators and battery lights.

"We hear stories of students doing better in school because they can do their homework after dark," said Lian Mah, who has worked on installation teams for several years. "We hear of stories of students who can keep their medicine in the refrigerator now. They don't have to store it at a neighbor's house. To keep their food cold, [some families] would literally freeze a gallon of water at a neighbor's house, bring it over every day, put it in their cooler to try and keep their food cold. And now they have fresh food in their house 24-7 because of this, which is just amazing."

Eugene Gorman, a father of three in the Red Valley community, said his family relied on generators for years, often spending significant amounts on fuel. He said the solar system will help reduce those costs and ease financial strain.

"This solar will help us a lot," Gorman said. "We'll be able to spend money in different places for our kids now instead of just worrying about electricity all the time. We'll have comfort now. I really appreciate you coming out and doing this for us."

Installation teams can typically complete a solar setup in about an hour, providing long-term access to electricity and opportunity.

"This is a force multiplier," Heath said. "It's elevating opportunities with education, with basic body and mind health, and really enabling multiple generations to thrive."

Flipping the Switch on Opportunity

For Begay, the impact was immediate.

"My kids get to do their homework [at night]," she said. "We have lights. We get to charge our laptops. We get to charge our phones and tablets. I get to wake up in the morning, turning on the light instead of using my phone. I'm very happy. I'm filled with joy and love. I'm very thankful for all of you."

Heath said schools have seen improvements in attendance, engagement and academic focus among students whose homes receive electricity.

"The home is where you should feel the most stable, the home is where you should feel the most safe," Heath said. "You [should] have all the basic needs covered, so that when you do go to school you can focus on learning."

Once installed, the solar project's meaning becomes clear, Heath added.

"Once the solar kit is in place, you flip the switch on – but it's flipping the switch on not just to light but to opportunity," she said.

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Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

Seeds of memory: How a Navajo student is planting culture and community



Photo by Charlie Leight/ASU News

By Marshall Terrill |

When Chandlee Begay sits down to eat the foods of his tribe, he isn't simply satisfying hunger.

Each bite becomes a quiet act of remembrance, a thread connecting him to generations who walked the same mesas, gathered the same herbs and shared stories over similar meals. The flavors carry echoes of his ancestors – their resilience, their celebrations, their prayers.

In that moment, the meal is more than sustenance; it is ceremony, gratitude and a living homage to the people whose footsteps still guide him forward.

Begay, a third-year student at Arizona State University majoring in both coastal and marine sciences and sustainability in the Rob Walton College of Global Futures, is

planting that philosophy into the soil at all four ASU campuses.

Over the past two semesters, the Navajo student has led Indigenous agricultural demonstrations, blending cultural teachings with sustainable growing techniques.

His most recent event, a March 4 "Three Sisters" planting demonstration featuring corn, beans and squash, drew students and staff to the Garden Commons on ASU's Polytechnic campus to listen, learn and, in some cases, reconsider their relationship with food.

"For us, seeds are like our relatives," Begay said. "We cultivate them, and they nourish us back. It's a mutual relationship, and that connection is part of who we are."

Garden Commons Program Manager Melissa Kruse-Peebles sees Begay's work as both educational and deeply personal. The garden, built in phases beginning in 2019, was designed to create hands-on learning opportunities and connect students with the origins of their food.

"We always try to represent our student population and their cultures," Kruse-Peebles said. "Having Chandlee lead not just with crops, but with the methods and cultural significance behind them gives people a deeper understanding of why these foods matter."

Nestled near student housing and the dining hall, the Garden Commons has become more than a patch of green on a desert campus. Students gather there to study, socialize and volunteer, while others discover for the first time how carrots grow or how compost nourishes the soil.

Begay's demonstrations fit naturally into that mission, offering a window into agricultural practices shaped by centuries of observation and respect for the land.

On the day of the Three Sisters planting, Begay stood before a small crowd with a handful of seeds: Navajo copper corn, tepary beans and squash. Each carried a story. The crops, he explained, are companion plants that support one another. Corn provides structure for the beans to climb, beans replenish nitrogen in the soil and squash vines shade the earth, conserving moisture.

But the lesson went beyond science. For many attendees, it was the first time they heard planting framed as both ecological knowledge and cultural tradition.

"I really appreciate the spiritual aspect of it, the tie between the land and people," said Natalie Wolff, a third-year student worker at the garden. "It makes me more mindful about what I'm doing when I plant and produce food for others."

READ MORE: <https://bit.ly/4uLHopz>

PERSONNEL NEWS -- DCD Open Positions

Naanish aa 'idaat'ehigíí

Administrative Services Centers

Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Crystal, NM	\$36,164.16	6/16/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Gadii Ahi/ToKoi, NM	\$36,164.16	6/5/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Valley, AZ	\$36,164.16	6/8/2026
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Shiprock, NM	\$44,098.56	6/15/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Pueblo Pintado, NM	\$36,164.16	6/18/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Shiprock, NM	\$36,164.16	5/7/2026

Community Housing & Infrastructure

Housing Specialist (S)	Window Rock, AZ	\$50,968.08	6/12/2026
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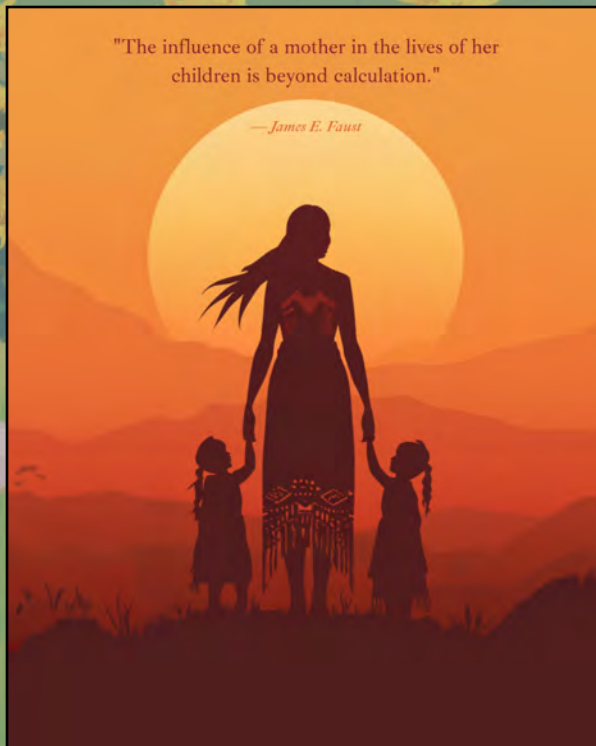
(S) Sensitive Position (subject to background check)

Closing Dates may change

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at
<https://apply.navajo-nsn.gov/>

Quote of the Month

Saad Baa Nitsáhakeesigíí



Comic of the Month

Baa Dlohasinigíí Naashch'aa'



America Counts 250 Years

As America Turns 250 Years Old, the Census is Not Far Behind at 236

June 04, 2026

Written by: Travis Shoemaker

For 236 of America's 250-year history, the census has measured our nation's population. It has also tracked our values, interests and changes in the way we live.

Census questions, how they're asked and of whom, capture what's important to American society.

Housing, employment, slavery, manufacturing, immigration, voting access and more. Public demand for information on these topics has fluctuated over the course of American history, punctuated by the census count at the start of each decade.

How did events like the Westward Expansion, the Civil War, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement change the census – and how did it adapt over time?

The framers of the Constitution tied apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives to a once-a-decade population count, starting with the nation's first census in 1790.

We view the nation's evolution through the prism of every decennial census since.

1790 - The First Census

The Census Act of 1790 was passed by the First Congress and signed by the nation's first president, George Washington.

On August 2, 1790, U.S. Marshals began collecting the names of each head of household along with a count of all free White men age 16 and older, free children under age 16, free White women, and all other free and enslaved people.

Most American Indians were not enumerated between 1790 and 1850. Their relationship to federal census-taking would evolve over American history.

The first census took 18 months to complete.

Fun Facts:

The government did not provide blank printed forms to enumerators. They used any available paper and recorded all information by hand.

Every person older than 16 was required to cooperate "on pain of forfeiting twenty dollars."

Some Census Firsts:

Enumerated the populations of:

The 13 original states (Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia).

The districts of Kentucky, Maine, Vermont and the Southwest Territory (which later became Tennessee).

Population:

3,929,214 (including 697,624 enslaved people, or 17.8%).

1800 - Turn of the 19th Century

The second census was managed by Secretary of State John Marshall and was completed in nine months.

The set of questions expanded to include the name of the head of family, a count of all free White people and their ages within a range and counts of all other free people (except "Indians, not taxed") and slaves.

Fun Fact:

The marshals were required by law to display completed census questionnaires in two public places in each jurisdiction for respondents to make corrections.

READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2026/06/america-counts-250-years.html>

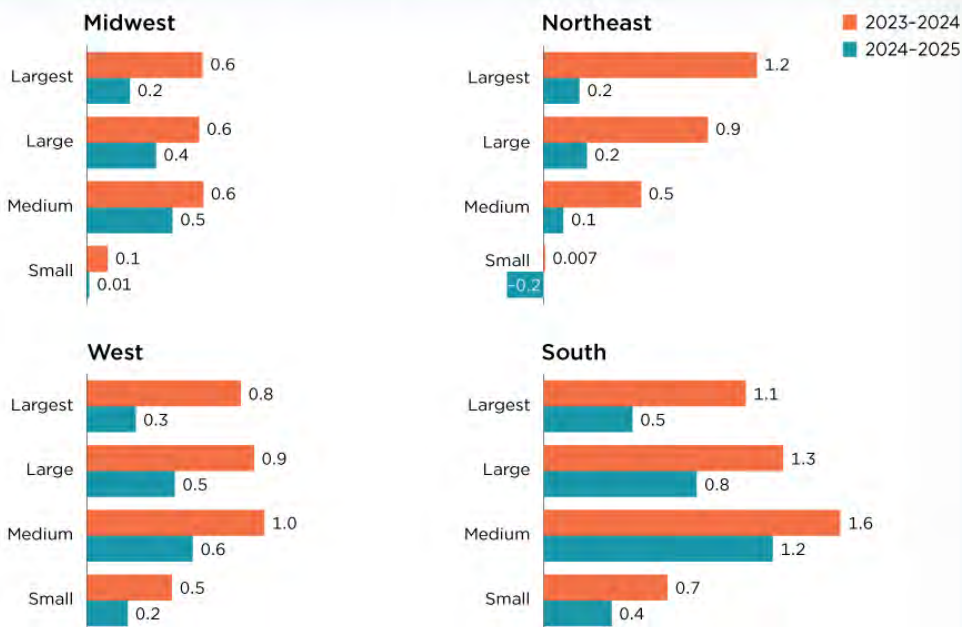
Small Teams, Big Lead

2023 U.S. Nonemployer Industries Leading In Revenue



Population Growth Slows

Average Percent Change for Cities and Towns by Size and Region



Note: Values are rounded. Bars may appear different in length due to underlying unrounded values. Size categories are defined as Small (0-4,999), Medium (5,000-49,999), Large (50,000-249,999), and Largest (250,000+). Values show the average percent population change across incorporated places by region, grouped by population size as of July 1, 2023.



NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Get Ready, it's here!

COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING WEBSITE!!



What does the website entail?

- Community land use planning orientation video - you can now watch the orientation video virtually!
- Community land use planning documents:
 - Community Assessment Surveys
 - CLUPC Requirement listings
 - Title 26 of the NN Code, Section 2004; Community Based Land Use Plan; Land Use Variations
- Resources
 - Census 2020 Website
 - Map Request
- Community Land Use PowerPoint
- Technical Assistance Request link



Scan me!

TRASH SAFETY TIPS

Keep Our Community Clean & Safe

SAFE DISPOSAL PRACTICES

- Securely bag all trash before disposal.
- Don't overfill: ensure lids close fully
- Seal sharp objects in containers before disposal
- Keep hazardous waste out of regular trash



COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

- Report illegal dumping to officials
- Join community clean-ups
- Recycle and compost to reduce waste



BIN SAFETY

- Set bins on flat surfaces to prevent tipping
- Keep bins away from children.
- Don't climb or play on bins.
- Watch for trucks during service



REMEMBER

- A clean and safe community benefits you
- Do your part-handle trash responsibly

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

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