

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Ya'iishjááshchilí

Díí naltsoos biyi' baach'ida hwiit'aah.....

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Nít bée hoziníshii...

Did You Know...

Navajo Code Talkers Day, observed every August 14, honors the extraordinary contributions of Navajo Marines during World War II. These heroes developed and used an unbreakable code based on their native Diné language, proving pivotal in the Pacific theater. Take time to learn their story, share their legacy, and thank veterans for their service.

T'áán náhah bikeh ndahoo'aah

Events:

June: Ya'iishjááshchilí - Little Planting

June 14: Flag Day

June 19: Juneteenth

June 20: Summer Solstice

June 21: Father's Day

July: Ya'iishjááshtsoh - Planting of Late Crops

July 4: Independence Day

July 26: Parents' Day

Cameron Chapter Marks Milestone in Capital Project Management with \$4.8 Million Chapter House Development



CAMERON, Ariz. – Community leaders, Navajo Nation officials, residents, and project partners gathered on June 17 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Cameron Chapter Building, marking an important milestone toward providing a modern facility that will better serve the Cameron community for years to come.

The groundbreaking ceremony recognized years of planning, coordination, and collaboration to move the project from concept to construction. Once completed, the new chapter building will provide improved space for chapter administration, public meetings, community programs, and essential government services.

The project is being managed by Marta Quintana, Project Manager with the Capital Projects Management Department (CPMD) of the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development (DCD). Quintana has worked closely with the Cameron Chapter, project stakeholders, and design professionals to guide the project through planning and into its current phase of development.

The project is currently in the design phase, with earthwork activities underway to prepare the site for construction. These initial site improvements represent significant progress as the project advances toward full construction.

The Capital Projects Management Department provides professional project management services for the planning, design, and construction of public facilities throughout the Navajo Nation. By working alongside chapters and other stakeholders, CPMD helps ensure that infrastructure projects are completed efficiently while meeting the long-term needs of Navajo communities.

The new Cameron Chapter Building will enhance the delivery of chapter services by providing a safe, modern, and functional facility for community members. The building is expected to improve accessibility, expand space for public meetings and programs, and support the chapter's continued growth and operations.

Photos from the June 17 groundbreaking ceremony capture chapter officials, community members, Navajo Nation leadership, project representatives, and guests commemorating the beginning of a project that represents a significant investment in the future of the Cameron Chapter.

As design work continues and site preparation progresses, the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development and the Capital Projects Management Department remain committed to working with the Cameron Chapter to deliver a facility that will serve residents for generations to come.



Solid Waste Management Department Advancing Community Cleanup Across the Navajo Nation



During the month of June, We successfully installed 124 illegal dumping signs throughout various Chapters to help deter illegal dumping and promote environmental awareness. In addition, DCD and Solid Waste assisted several Chapters with coordinating and providing roll-off bins for community use to support local cleanup efforts and proper waste disposal.

Sign installation efforts will continue in the coming months as we work with additional Chapters to address illegal dumping and improve solid waste management across the Navajo Nation.

Lyman Tullie
Sr. Planner | Solid Waste Management Department
Division of Community Development



CPMD Equipment Updates

By Selina Yazzie

Tohatchi Chapter Enhances Operations with New Flatbed Trailer

Tohatchi Chapter has expanded its operational capabilities with the recent purchase of a new flatbed trailer. The addition will improve the chapter's ability to transport equipment, construction materials, and supplies for community projects, maintenance activities, and special events. This investment strengthens the chapter's capacity to efficiently deliver essential services while supporting ongoing infrastructure improvements and community development initiatives.



Lupton Chapter Expands Fleet with New Heavy-Duty Work Truck

Lupton Chapter has strengthened its operational capabilities with the purchase of a new Ford Super Duty F-350 crew cab dual rear wheel (dually) 4x4 pickup truck. Equipped with a 6.7-liter Power Stroke diesel engine, the heavy-duty vehicle will support a wide range of chapter operations, including hauling equipment, transporting materials, towing trailers, and assisting with community improvement projects. This investment enhances the chapter's ability to provide efficient and reliable services to residents while supporting ongoing infrastructure and maintenance needs.



Cornfields Chapter recently expanded its operational capabilities with the purchase of a new gooseneck flatbed trailer from NavajoTrailer. The new equipment will support a variety of chapter operations by improving the transportation of materials, equipment, and supplies needed for community projects and services.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTERS

June 2026 Highlights

The Administrative Services Centers (ASC), under the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development, continued to provide technical assistance, guidance, and operational support to the Navajo Nation's 110 Chapter Houses through our Central Office in Window Rock and eight local Administrative Services Center offices.

Throughout June, ASC staff remained actively engaged in assisting Chapters with the implementation and administration of the Five Management System policies, promoting compliance with Navajo Nation laws, policies, and procedures governing Chapter operations and the administration of Navajo Nation-allocated funding.

Technical Assistance & Training

During June 2026, ASC staff conducted numerous technical assistance activities, trainings, chapter meetings, site visits, budget consultations, administrative support sessions, and compliance reviews across the Navajo Nation. While the training log included in this report reflects activities submitted by several offices, all eight local ASC offices continued providing daily technical assistance and operational support to their assigned Chapters. Reported activities included assistance with:

- Chapter budgeting and financial management
- Five Management System implementation
- Internal policies and administrative procedures
- Chapter planning and committee support
- Chapter meetings and work sessions
- Emergency Management Plan implementation
- Site visits and technical consultations
- Financial reporting and compliance assistance

Emergency Funding Assistance

A major focus during June was assisting Chapters with the development and submission of budgets for emergency funding authorized through **Resolution CEM-26-003** by the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management. ASC staff worked closely with Chapters to ensure proposed budgets complied with applicable funding requirements, policies, and reporting expectations. A link to the complete resolution is provided for additional information. [Read more here...](#)



The Navajo Nation
Commission on Emergency Management



Resolution No. CEM 26-003

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DECLARATION OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY – NAVAJO NATION, 2026

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management, 2 N.N.C. §881. The Commission is authorized to assess, verify, recommend, and declare states of emergency with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation President, 2 N.N.C. §884 (B)(1); and
2. The Commission in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management is empowered to coordinate emergency and disaster relief services by Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities and to recommend and deploy appropriate resources regarding natural and man-made emergencies, 2 N.N.C. §883 (A) and (C); and
3. The Commission on Emergency Management may seek assistance from federal, state, and other tribal governments, and local and private agencies to address emergency and disaster related situations, 2 N.N.C. §884 (B)(2); and
4. The Navajo Nation continues to experience severe and persistent drought conditions resulting in declining precipitation, diminished water resources, deteriorating rangelands, reduced forage production, declining reservoir levels, and adverse socio-economic impacts throughout the Navajo Nation; and
5. The United States Department of Agriculture has designated counties encompassing the Navajo Nation as primary disaster areas due to ongoing drought conditions, including Apache, Navajo, and Coconino Counties in Arizona; McKinley, San Juan, and Cibola Counties in New Mexico; and San Juan County in Utah; and
6. On May 20, 2026, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2026-026 declaring drought and severe fire conditions throughout the State of New Mexico due to historically low snowpack, record high temperatures, diminished runoff, declining reservoir storage levels, increased wildfire danger, and persistent drought conditions affecting approximately ninety-four percent (94%) of the state; and
7. On May 28, 2026, the Arizona Drought Interagency Coordinating Group unanimously recommended that Governor Katie Hobbs continue Arizona's Drought Emergency Declaration (PCA99006) and Executive Order 2007-10 due to persistent drought conditions, below-average precipitation, reduced snowpack, and intensifying long-term drought impacts throughout Arizona; and

Department Update

The Administrative Services Centers is pleased to announce that the department is now fully staffed following the successful filling of two Administrative Services Officer positions during June.

We welcome:

- **Jessica Robertson**, Administrative Services Officer – Kayenta ASC
- **Jammie Billiman**, Administrative Services Officer – Fort Defiance ASC

Both individuals bring valuable experience from the Chapter Local Government system and possess extensive knowledge of Chapter operations, governance, and administration. Their expertise will strengthen ASC's ability to provide high-quality technical assistance and support to the Chapters they serve.

The Administrative Services Centers remains committed to strengthening local chapter governance through professional technical assistance, training, and collaborative partnerships that support effective and accountable Chapter operations throughout the Navajo Nation.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTERS

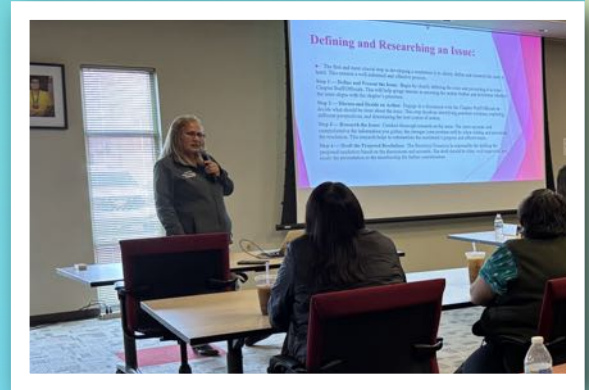
Go-Getter Spotlight - Edgerton Gene

The Administrative Services Centers (ASC) is proud to recognize our Senior Programs and Projects Specialist at the Chinle ASC for her outstanding commitment to excellence and consistent delivery of quality service.

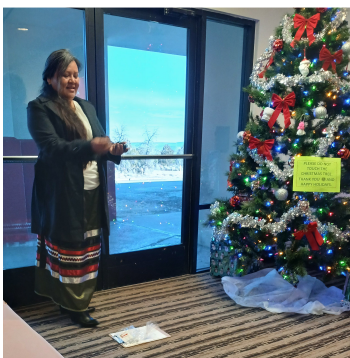
Her professionalism is reflected in the way she approaches her work each day. She consistently completes assignments on time, responds promptly to requests for information, and remains dependable in providing timely assistance to both employees and stakeholders. Her diligence, attention to detail, and strong work ethic ensure that tasks are completed accurately and efficiently.

Employees can count on her responsiveness, reliability, and willingness to support the team, making her an invaluable member of the Chinle ASC office. Her dedication contributes directly to the success of our department and the quality of technical assistance we provide to the chapters we serve.

On behalf of the Administrative Services Centers, thank you for your continued hard work, professionalism, and commitment to public service. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we sincerely appreciate the positive example you set for our team.



Go-Getter Spotlight - Tanya Henderson



The Administrative Services Centers (ASC) is pleased to recognize Tanya Henderson for her exceptional diligence, initiative, and dedication in supporting the Shiprock Chapter renovation project.

Although the chapter is currently closed due to the ongoing renovation, Tanya has consistently gone above and beyond her regular responsibilities to assist with the many tasks necessary to move the project forward. Her willingness to take on duties outside of her normal scope of work demonstrates her commitment to serving the chapter and supporting the broader mission of the Administrative Services Centers.

Through her hard work, attention to detail, and proactive approach, Tanya has played an important role in helping lay the groundwork for the chapter's eventual reopening. Her dedication and perseverance have made a meaningful impact on this important project, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

On behalf of the Administrative Services Centers, thank you, Tanya, for your professionalism, initiative, and unwavering commitment to public service. Your willingness to step forward when needed is a true reflection of servant leadership, and we sincerely appreciate your contributions to the success of our department and the communities we serve.

– Jaron Charley
ASC Department Manager II

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTERS

Dilkon ASC Facilitates Chapter Projects "After-Action Reviews"



On June 25, 2026, the Dilkon Administrative Service Center (ASC) hosted a Chapter Projects "After-Action Review" training at the Dilkon Chapter House, bringing together chapter officials and staff from the surrounding communities.

The session focused on helping chapters strengthen project planning and implementation by reviewing recently completed projects and identifying lessons learned. Participants worked through a structured after-action review process that emphasized discussing what occurred, analyzing successes and challenges, and developing recommendations to improve future projects.

By providing practical guidance and encouraging collaborative discussion, the Dilkon ASC continues to support chapter officials in building effective project management practices and enhancing local governance throughout the service area.

*Story and Photos submitted by:
Toni Mina, Dilkon ASC Administrative Services Officer*



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Jeddito Chapter

For the Month of June

June was a busy month for the Jeddito Chapter.

Summer Youth:

We did have two groups of students who completed their employment. The last group of eight will work into the month of July. The hired supervisor created activities and presentation for them. Sewing and basic carpentry were some of the activities, and presentations by the Health & Wellness Programs.

The Chapter is continuing with the OEH Bathroom Addition. Two clients will have a complete structure by Mid July. The project is joint ventured with OEHE DigDeep Organization and Jeddito Chapter. We are very proud to have knowledgeable carpenters & laborers, the support from the Community Members and the Chapter Officials.

During the monthly chapter meeting we celebrated Father's Day, the Chapter provided lunch, cake and treats. The SYEP students sewed handy tool bags to wear.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS



Jeddito Chapter (Cont.)

Chapter Vice President Tom and the CSC attend the Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Budget Hearing. The NN Controller, Mr. McCabe gave a vivid presentation of the Nation's revenues, expenditures, and budget. The public were given time to present their concerns, needs and procurement hindering the project process. He made us aware in the past five years the Navajo Nation revenues have not trend. The visual presentation was an eye opener.



Emergency Drought is a serious matter where the Division of Natural Resources – Dept of Agricultural needs to address livestock reduction, comply with the issued number of units on the Grazing permits. The Jeddito Chapter Equipment Operator is cleaning out some earthen ponds and water diversions where there is excessive water run-off. Once the livestock owners and the Grazing Committee Member complete the tally counts, hay purchase and distribution will take place using the Agriculture Infrastructure funds (AIF) which the Drought Declaration describes.

The Senior Center is opened daily; we have two permanent staff: Supervisor and the Cook. Elders have been gathering to enjoy a balance lunch, carry on conversation: Nidaa, 2026 Election for NN Presidential & Council Election. We want to thank the Saint Bonaventure Indian Mission of Thoreau, NM for the generous donation to purchase water. Happy Fourth of July to all, be safe and wear your seatbelts....NO TEXTING AND DRIVING. You are important to many.

Story and Photos submitted by Jeddito Chapter



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Ganado Chapter

The Ganado Chapter has been busy this June, engaging their Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants in a variety of hands-on community projects and traditional skills training. Here are some highlights from their recent activities:

SYEP Orientation: The program kicked off with an informative orientation session where the first group of participants and their parents gathered to prepare for the summer ahead.

Traditional Butchering Workshops: Youth participants gained valuable cultural knowledge through butchering demonstrations. The first group learned the fundamentals, while the second group received guidance and support from community members to master these traditional skills.

Outhouse Project: Putting their practical skills to work, the first group of SYEP participants successfully built an outhouse, contributing directly to community infrastructure.

We are proud of the dedication shown by these young participants and the community members who are helping them learn and grow this summer.

*Story and Photos submitted by:
Larry Tsosie, Ganado Chapter Manager*



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Coppermine Chapter

On June 22, 2026, the Coppermine Chapter hosted a youth sheep butchering demonstration. Local ranchers Kelly, along with their daughter Katlynn Skacy, served as presenters. A special guest, Navajo Nation speaker Crystalnye Curley also participated.

This event provided an opportunity for attendees to reflect on the traditional practices of their ancestors, who would come together to butcher sheep, harvest, and prepare meat for various purposes, such as ceremonies, celebrations, or winter sustenance. It also served as a platform to honor and revive our cultural traditions, fostering a sense of community and joy.

The demonstration was meticulously planned and executed from March, involving careful preparation and utilization of the meat. The event's success was attributed to the contributions of staff, community members, and the youth.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Coppermine Chapter (Cont.)



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT MICHELLE WEST, KELLY SKACY, KATLYNN SKACY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR CONSTANCE LANO

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Coppermine Chapter (Cont.)

In collaboration with the Tuba City Navajo Department of Special Diabetes, the Coppermine Chapter organized several events for the first session of the summer youth program in June 2026. These events included Kneel Down Bread, Juniper Ash Making, and Blue Corn Mush Making. Additionally, on June 23, 2026, the Coppermine Chapter hosted the "Just Move It" event, which attracted a significant number of community members from surrounding areas who prioritized their health, fitness, and social well-being.



TRADITIONAL Food DEMONSTRATION

JUNE 3, 2026
JUNIPER ASH

JUNE 11, 2026
BLUE CORN MUSH

JUNE 23, 2026
KNEEL DOWN BREAD

10:00AM TO 2:00PM
(DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

**COPPERMINE CHAPTER
- COPPERMINE, AZ**
@navajodiabetesprogram



**BE ACTIVE.
BE HEALTHY.
PREVENT DIABETES.**

TUBA CITY SERVICE AREA/TUBA CITY WELLNESS CENTER
For more information please contact 928.283.3057
or email: nsdp.tubacity@navajo-nsn.gov

Disclaimer: *The Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program is NOT responsible for any loss, due to accidents, theft, bodily

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Coppermine Chapter (Cont.)

Coppermine Chapter collaborated with Felix Earle from Ganado, Arizona, and Red Earth Garden to visit on June 5, 2026. Their mission was to assist the summer youth in planting corn, squash, cucumbers, jalapeños, peas, and various other vegetables. This initiative aimed to foster self-sufficiency among the youth and impart valuable knowledge on sustainable crop cultivation for the community.



Coppermine Chapter Presents:

YOUTH PLANTING HOOPHOUSE

June 5th, 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm

Coppermine community members are invited to help Summer Youth plant in the hoop house on Friday, June 5th, 2026. Join us in supporting a healthy and sustainable community!



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Coppermine Chapter (Cont.)

On June 12, 2026, the Coppermine Chapter Veterans Organization convened its monthly meeting at the Coppermine Chapter House. The meeting was a resounding success, during which several registered veterans were honored with the presentation of Pendleton Brave Star blankets, facilitated by their supplemental rewards and gift fund.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Coppermine Veterans for their unwavering dedication and steadfast support in serving our nation and community. As we remember, Honor and Support are the cornerstones of our shared values.

*Stories and Photos submitted by:
Constance Lano, Coppermine Chapter
Community Services Coordinator*



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

White Cone Chapter

The White Cone Chapter Veterans Program presented the Chapter and Chapter Officials with a plaque in appreciation of our support during their Memorial Day event.

We also launched our Summer Youth Employment Program this month. The program consists of three sessions, and we are currently in the second session. Our youth participants have been working diligently on a variety of community service and improvement projects. Their accomplishments include assisting at the Senior Center, collecting litter throughout the community, clearing weeds around all Chapter facilities, including the Multipurpose Building, and painting welcome signs for display throughout White Cone.

In addition, they constructed trailer rails to assist with hauling firewood, painted the Chapter awnings, and completed a deep cleaning of the Chapter House. They have also been maintaining the community garden while learning valuable gardening skills. Employment Program.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

White Cone Chapter (Cont.)

Our youth have actively participated in the St. Mary's Food Bank distribution, helping serve members of our community. They are also taking part in our six-week "Healing Through Weaving" program, which is currently underway.

Throughout the month, participants attended several educational presentations and workshops provided by OSHA, the Dilkon Hospital Mental Health Program, CHR, the Diabetes Program, Diné Youth, the Tobacco Prevention Campaign, and Northern Pioneer College. These presentations have provided valuable information and learning opportunities for our youth.

Overall, June has been a very busy, productive, and rewarding month for the White Cone Chapter and our Summer Youth Employment Program.

*Story and Photos submitted by:
Joselyn Hunzeker, White Cone Chapter Community Services Coordinator*



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Alamo Chapter

The Alamo Navajo Chapter recently celebrated a major infrastructure milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for their completed road construction project. In addition to this physical improvement, the Chapter has successfully finalized its land use plan, which is now awaiting Resource and Development Committee (RDC) approval following its submission for legislative review.

For more details and photos from the event, you can view the Navajo Department of Transportation (NDOT) post on Facebook.

[Click Here to view NDOT Facebook](#)



PHOTO CREDIT: NDOT FACEBOOK POST - ALAMO COMMUNITY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Rock Springs Chapter

The Rock Springs Chapter and Gallup-McKinley County Schools recently celebrated a vital infrastructure milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Chee Dodge Elementary. This event marked the official completion of a dedicated safety enhancement project designed to protect students and improve accessibility around the school.

The successful completion of this project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of transportation professionals, construction crews, and community leaders. This investment in school infrastructure reflects a shared commitment to supporting education by ensuring a safer environment for our future generations.

For more photos and details from the ceremony, you can visit the Gallup McKinley Schools Facebook page, [Click Here](#).



PHOTO CREDIT: GALLUP MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS FACEBOOK

Bulletin Board

Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

Flinn Scholar appointed to Navajo youth council: 'We all want to see action in our communities'

June 18, 2026

Kaya Dickson (Class of 2022) is part of a new generation of leaders shaping change as a founding member of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.

She is part of an inaugural group working to ensure that young people are not only heard, but actively involved in decision-making that affects their communities.

In this Q&A, she reflects on her journey, the responsibility of building something from the ground up, and the power of youth leadership rooted in community and culture.

Will you briefly introduce yourself, including your academic interests and any areas you're especially passionate about?

Yáát'ééh shik'ei dóó shidiné'é, my name is Kaya Dickson, Yé'ii Dine'é Táchii'nii nishli, Tsé Deeshgíízhíníí bashishchiin, Naakaiłbáhí dashicheii, Ma'ii Deeshgíízhíníí dashnali. I am originally from Kaibeto and grew up in Page. I am a recent graduate from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a minor in criminology and Criminal Justice. I am passionate about creating pathways for our Indigenous communities through research and advocacy, raising awareness of issues that deeply affect our relatives and Mother Earth. Our knowledge of and connection to the land is foundational. It shapes our health, education, and the way we live each day.

You are a founding member of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council, representing the Western Navajo Agency. What motivated you to get involved,

and what does it mean to you to be part of building something from the beginning?

I've seen how powerful youth are today, and how strong our voices are when we come together as a collective. Everyone who was selected to serve on the council embodies our teachings of K'é and Hózhó, and we all want to see action in our communities. With the obstacles we face as Indigenous people, we need to prioritize thinking as a collective and looking out for one another. I am so honored to be part of an organization that is Indigenous-led and youth-led; we are the incoming and upcoming leaders who will act!

(Hózhó refers to walking in beauty, which means maintaining balance and harmony between your own being and the surrounding beings, and welcoming and sharing blessings.)

Tell us about the Council's first meeting and what you are most hoping it will accomplish?

The first meeting was very inspiring and exciting. We were able to talk with a few Navajo Nation Council delegates and hear their stories, which encouraged us to start taking on the responsibility of creating change and representation in the community. They shared their ambitions for their life journeys and how



hard they worked to establish our youth council, because our youth voices matter. We need to hold on tight to our language and culture.

I hope to use my platform to advocate for our unsheltered relatives in border towns and to preserve our sacred sites from economic and recreational development, such as the San Francisco Peaks (Dook'o'ooosííid). The desecration of our sacred sites threatens our preservation of culture, prayer, language, ceremony. By exploiting our lands, we're disrupting the balance between ourselves and the deities. The land is one of the foundations of our identity.

Extending K'é means including everyone, and sharing that responsibility of caring for one another, no matter who it is. Through my current work with the Community Assistance Teams of Flagstaff, we offer a shower bus unit along with clothing, food, camping supplies, and referrals to community resources. More than 56% of our unsheltered population in the Flagstaff area identify as Indigenous. I hope to share these projects with the youth council, bring these resources to those in need on the reservation, and continue educating others about the importance of protecting our sacred sites.

READ MORE AT: <https://tinyurl.com/ye4f8za4>



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Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

Navajo County student awarded 2026 Flinn Scholarship to reach higher education with no barriers

JESSELLE ORTEGON Sun Staff Reporter Jun 17, 2026

Ciera Tsosie was 1 of 20 students in Arizona to receive the 2026 Flinn Scholarship of more than \$135,000 in partnership with the state's three public universities, recognizing students from unique communities and backgrounds.

Tsosie graduated from Flagstaff High School in May with a scholarship that will allow her to continue her pursuit of bringing awareness to the disparities that Indigenous communities face. As a member of the Navajo Nation, the scholar wants to work in healthcare systems and make a difference for her people.

The Flinn award is a merit-based scholarship that offers Arizona's top 20 high school students a full ride to any of the state's public universities including Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona, Tsosie's choice.

"Applying for the Flinn award felt like applying for another scholarship," Tsosie said. "I mainly wanted the funding to go to school for looking how I can broaden my perspective on public policies, and see how I can bring that back to help my people."

Aside from submitting transcripts, test scores and extracurricular activities, Tsosie had to submit a series of essays when applying for the scholarship.

In her writing, Tsosie highlighted her desire and passion for working in community advocacy, specifically in the Navajo Nation, and shared first-hand struggles and experiences. The essays also honored Tsosie's grandparents, Lena and Colbert Dayzie, who played a crucial role in her advocacy. From the work they did on the reservation, Tsosie learned what the people need from them and that the best thing she can do in life is help others.

"They have both been significant role models in my life, showing me how leadership is not just about the titles you accumulate, but rather about servicing others," Tsosie said.



Receiving the Flinn Scholarship is both an honor and a responsibility, according to the scholar. She now has the opportunity to work with other amazing students who share an interest in advocacy and show her where she can fill in the cracks in their projects and vice versa.

By collaborating with other young scholars, Tsosie is able to see how all of them are contributing to communities in their own way, and they can share ideas. Being able to get their perspectives on different issues helps her to improve the efficiency of her project and understand how to address challenges.

"I feel like when everyone comes together, there's so much more we can achieve that way," Tsosie said.

The scholarship will also allow Tsosie to pursue higher education and continue her work outside of high school without the barriers of financial hardship.

READ MORE AT: <https://tinyurl.com/2s39w6m7>

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Tsineeshjii' Naaltsoos Bídadiiljeehí

Navajo Nation Council celebrates groundbreaking ceremony for new Cameron Chapter Building

CAMERON – On Wednesday, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined Cameron Chapter officials and community members to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new chapter facility.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley was joined by Resources and Development Committee Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson and Council Delegates Otto Tso, Herman Daniels, and Helena Nez Begay. Delegate Tso provided the invocation for the ceremony.

Current and former Cameron Chapter officials provided a historical account of the project and thanked delegates and officials whose efforts helped bring the project to today's groundbreaking.

Cameron Chapter Community Service Coordinator (CSC) Billie Baldwin said the project faced delays during the COVID-19 pandemic, but chapter officials continued working to secure funding and move the project forward.

Former Chapter Vice President Candis Yazzie spoke about the chapter's role as a central hub for community services, government, and resources.

"The old chapter building was always full during our meetings, but after the building was condemned, participation dwindled," Yazzie said. "The building had to be torn down, and although it carried many memories, we remained determined to keep projects moving forward."

The project was originally intended to support tourism opportunities through the Sihasin Fund funding. However, after the former facility was demolished, the project's focus shifted to constructing a new chapter facility.



Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined Cameron Chapter officials and President Buu Nygren for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Cameron Chapter building. (Courtesy photo)

"The 25th Navajo Nation Council was able to work through the process, and legislation was sponsored by Delegate Johnson," she said.

Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson sponsored Legislation No. 0039-24, which was unanimously approved by the 25th Navajo Nation Council on April 23, 2024. The legislation allocated \$4.8 million from the Sihasin Fund for the construction of a new Cameron Chapter House building, with Cameron Chapter contributing \$80,000 in matching funds.

READ MORE AT: <https://tinyurl.com/bddx8jmm>

New Communications Tower in Oak Springs Expands Broadband Access for Navajo Communities



Council Delegate Brenda Jesus joins Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren, Oak Springs Chapter officials, and representatives from NTUA and Choice Broadband during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. (Photo/Navajo Nation)

by Native News Online Staff • June 12, 2026

On Thursday, Council Delegate Brenda Jesus, community leaders, Navajo Nation officials, and representatives from Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and Choice Broadband gathered at the Oak Springs Chapter House to celebrate the completion of the new Oak Springs communications tower to expand broadband access and improve telecommunications services for residents in the region.

Delegate Jesus, who represents the area and serves as Chair of the Resources and Development Committee, emphasized the importance of continued

investment in telecommunications infrastructure to improve quality of life for Navajo families, students, entrepreneurs, and elders.

"Let's continue to work together and strive to better the quality of life for our people here, not just in Oak Springs and Pine Springs, but across the Navajo Nation," Delegate Jesus said.

The tower project was developed through a partnership involving the Oak Springs Chapter, NTUA, Choice Broadband, the Navajo Nation Council, and the Office of the President and Vice President. The infrastructure will provide fixed broadband services and support future telecommunications expansion in the area.

Former Oak Springs Chapter President Ben Smith reflected on the years of planning, community outreach, and coordination required to bring the project to fruition. He recalled the challenges students and families faced when seeking internet access and described the tower's completion as a significant step forward for future generations.

NTUA Deputy General Manager of Communications Brian Thomason said the project builds upon NTUA's growing fiber-optic network and ongoing efforts to close the digital divide across the Navajo Nation.

Following remarks from community, tribal, and utility leaders, attendees participated in a ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark the tower's official opening. The project is expected to strengthen connectivity and create new opportunities for residents in Oak Springs and surrounding communities.

READ MORE AT: <https://tinyurl.com/ev3m8dw4>

PERSONNEL NEWS -- DCD Open Positions

Naanish aa'idaat'ehigíí

Administrative Services Centers

Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Becenti, NM	\$36,164.16	7/9/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Pueblo Pintado, NM	\$36,164.16	7/14/2026
Accounts Maintenance Specialist	Oljato, UT	\$36,164.16	7/15/2026

Capital Projects Management Department

Senior Accountant	Window Rock, AZ	\$61,763.04	7/7/2026
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Community Development Block Grant Program

Program Supervisor II	Window Rock, AZ	\$61,763.04	7/15/2026
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(OUF) Open Until Filled

(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'



Helping You Decide Where to Buy a Home

Census Bureau Tools Can Show Homebuyers Areas Where They May Want to Live

June 10, 2026

Written by: Earlene K.P. Dowell and Lynda Lee

Are you a new parent ready to buy your first home? Or a retiree seeking to downsize and purchase a place in a quiet community out of state?

Potential homebuyers may have some nonnegotiable criteria in mind like well-funded schools and access to quality health care, public transportation, libraries and shops.

How do they decide where to even start looking?

The U.S. Census Bureau's suite of data and analytical tools can help.

Take its Public Sector statistics, for example, which provide comprehensive data on the finances, employment and structure of governments, including annual revenue, expenditures, debt and assets. They detail the scale of public employment, payrolls, tax collections, and specialized data on public pension systems and school districts.

When you're in the market for a neighborhood with well-funded schools, you can use these stats to find out local revenue (versus state and federal funding) per pupil, indicating a community's capacity to support its schools.

- Other Census Bureau homebuyer resources:
- The Building Permit Survey, which shows housing supply trends.
- Survey of Construction, which provides characteristics and sales of single and multifamily housing units.

Census data tools, like Census Business Builder (CBB) and Job-to-Job (J2J) Flows Explorer can help you visualize this information by providing key data about the landscape in a user-friendly format.

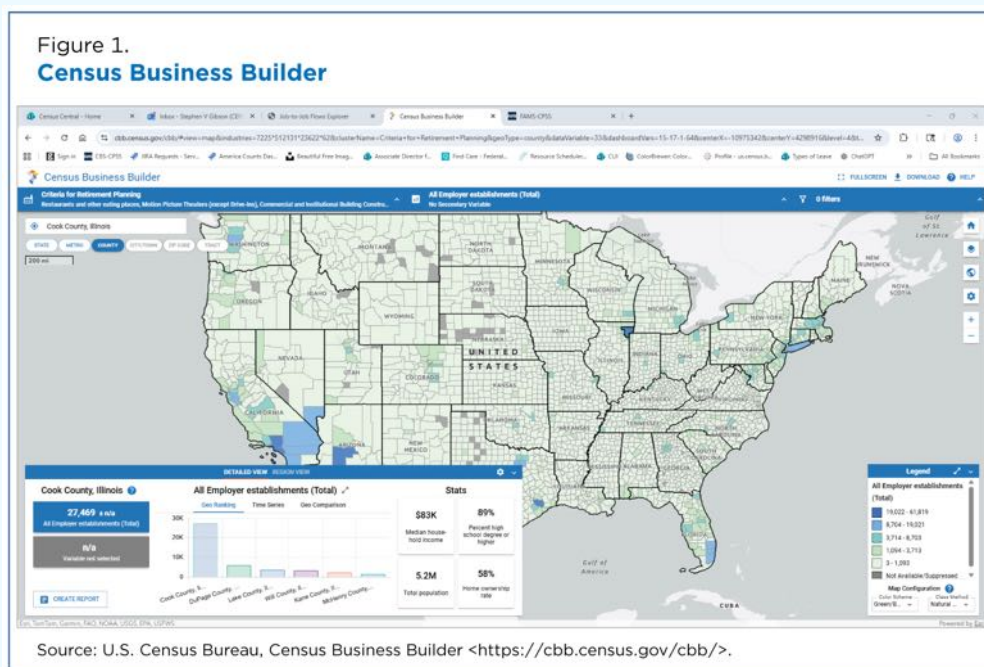
How to Use the Census Business Builder

Take a retired couple carefully planning the purchase of their "forever home."

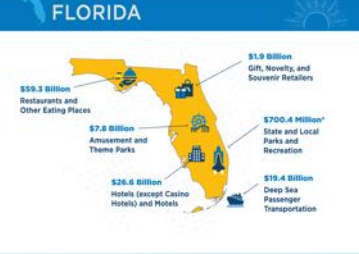
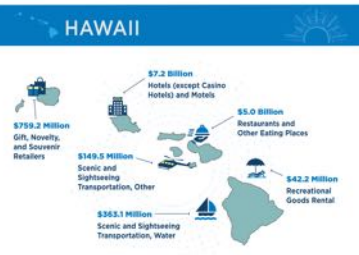
They start their search with a must-have list:

- Suburban setting.
- Near a major city.
- Close to restaurants, sports and entertainment.
- Access to quality health care.

The CBB tool enables them to explore demographic, economic and social characteristics like median household income, population, types of retail establishments and a demographic profile of the local workforce. Figure 1 displays the tool's landing page, where users can access the dashboard and customize or filter the data.

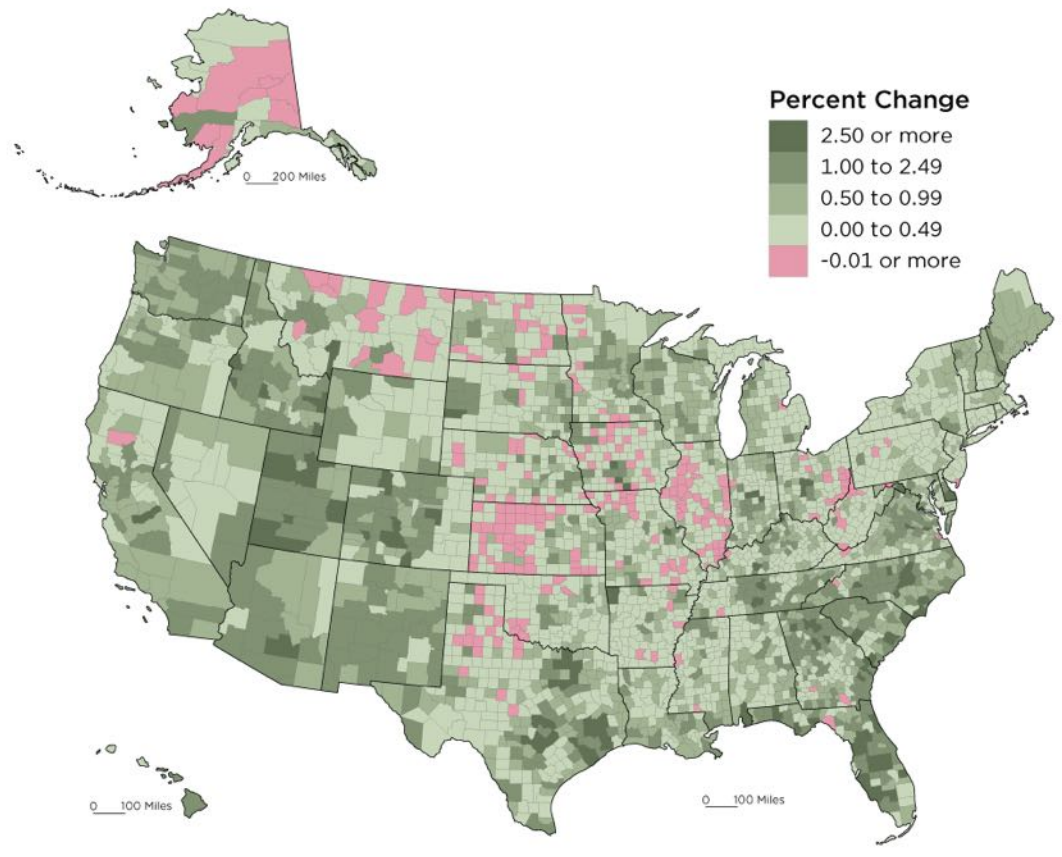


The map feature enables users to zoom in for more detailed, lower-level geographic views or zoom out for a broader perspective.



Percent Change in Housing Units by County

July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025



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.

2026 World Cup Teams Will Have Home Crowds Among U.S. Foreign-Born

Nations Competing in the 2026 World Cup are Represented to Various Degrees in Some Parts of the United States

As the United States hosts the 2026 International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup along with Canada and Mexico this month, soccer teams from around the world are likely to draw support from foreign-born fans in the United States.

The global tournament brings people from six continents to the United States, a nation shaped and developed by people from across the world. In the 2020 to 2024 ACS, 47.3 million foreign-born people called the U.S. home.

The World Cup offers a unique opportunity to examine how people from participating nations are represented across the country and where they live.

Among countries competing this summer, many have relatively small populations in the United States that are not large enough to be analyzed in detail. We focus on the 10 countries with the largest foreign-born U.S. populations and show how they are distributed across U.S. host cities.

One Clear Leader

No other country comes close to Mexico's numbers, which stand far above the rest with nearly 11 million people in the United States born there. The next largest foreign-born populations in the United States with about 1 million or less are Korea and Colombia.

The rest of the top 10 list includes countries from many world regions.

Table 1.
Largest Foreign-Born Populations in the United States Among World Cup Nations: 2020-2024

Country of birth	Population	Margin of error(s)
Mexico	10,928,446	63,316
Korea	1,042,427	11,081
Colombia	995,473	11,375
Canada	831,172	8,835
Haiti	750,543	13,996
Brazil	647,689	12,635
Ecuador	536,972	10,297
Germany	530,425	6,068
Iran	409,645	7,408
Japan	342,785	6,597

¹ Margin of error (MOE) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the MOE in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number, when added to or subtracted from the estimate, forms the 90% confidence interval.

Note: Korea includes those who responded Korea, North Korea or South Korea.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates. For more information about the ACS, visit <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs.html>.

[Click here to continue.](#)

2026 Product and Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2025.

Archived Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

Training Resources

Visit the Census Bureau's [Educational Resource Library](#) for previously recorded, free training available at your convenience. The library includes presentations, recorded webinars, tutorials and other helpful materials.

Upcoming Webinars

My Community Explorer: Using Data to Understand Local Impact

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm ET

This webinar provides a high-level overview of Community Resilience Estimates (CRE) and My Community Explorer (MCE), with the primary focus on accessing, navigating, and applying MCE.

Exploring Census Data: Powering Smarter Community & Business Insights with Census Business Builder

Thursday, June 25, 2026
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Whether you're new to Census data or looking to expand your skills, this webinar will provide practical insights to help you get the most out of the Census Business Builder. Engage with our experts during the live Q&A to get your questions answered.

Did You Miss?

[Census Bureau to Embargo New Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin](#)

Homeowner and rental vacancy rates are important measures of the health of The U.S. Census Bureau will offer a two-day embargo period for qualified media to view Vintage 2025 Population Estimates for the nation, states, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and counties by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin, and for Puerto Rico and its municipios by age and sex.

When:

Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. ET to Thursday, June 25, at 12:01 a.m. ET.

Where:

Census Bureau's embargo site.

Interview requests:

Embargo subscribers may interview Census Bureau experts during the embargo period. To request an interview, email pio@census.gov.

Obtain media embargo access:

Visit the Census Bureau's embargo site to register for embargo access.

The embargoed information may not be published, broadcast, posted online, distributed via wire and distribution services or shared until the public release date and time (Thursday, June 25, at 12:01 a.m. ET).



America Counts: Stories

[Fundamental Shifts in State Taxes in Past Century](#)

The nation has completed another tax season and millions of U.S. taxpayers filed returns, tallied up their income, sales, property and capital gains taxes among many others.

Have there always been so many taxes?

In a word – no. At least, not at the turn of the last century. But things have changed drastically since then.

When the U.S. Census Bureau began collecting government finance data in 1902, there were no state sales taxes on general sales, tobacco, motor fuel or alcohol.

Fast forward 123 years to 2025, when every state collected some form of general or selective sales and gross receipt taxes, accounting for the largest portion – 45.4% – of tax revenue nationally. [Click here to continue.](#)

[Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act: July 26, 2026](#)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law by then-President George H.W. Bush in 1990, is the nation's strongest measure protecting the civil rights of people with disabilities. It bars discrimination based on disability and guarantees equal access to public buildings and businesses, employment opportunities, transportation, telecommunications, commercial facilities, and state and local government services.

The following facts are possible thanks to the invaluable responses to [U.S. Census Bureau surveys](#). We appreciate the public's cooperation as we measure America's people and economy.

[Click here to view the stats.](#)





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!

REVIEW TITLE 26 – LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT








§ 2004. Zoning; Community Based Land Use Plan; Land Use Variations



The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act specifies that political subdivisions known as Chapters may establish **community based land use plans**, adopt their own **zoning ordinances**, and **enforce those ordinances**.



ORDINANCE PROCESS

-  **1** Per 2001 Ordinance Procedure Draft Ordinances have seven (7) requirements such as having a number, title, preamble, rules and regulations governing enforcement of the ordinance, etc.
-  **2** Ordinance is read in both English + Navajo at two (2) consecutive chapter meetings.
-  **3** Voting on the zoning ordinance occurs at the 3rd Chapter Meeting.
-  **4** Ordinance must be posted for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the vote.
-  **5** Approval requires a simple majority of the votes cast at a regular or special chapter meeting.



Some ordinances require a ballot vote but zoning ordinances **do not require a ballot vote**.

COMMON ZONING DISTRICTS



RESIDENTIAL (R):

Areas designated for single-family homes, apartments, and other housing types.



COMMERCIAL (C):

Districts for businesses, retail shops, offices, and other commercial activities.



INDUSTRIAL (I):

Zones for manufacturing, warehouses, and other industrial operations.



MIXED-USE (MU):

Areas that combine residential and commercial uses to create walkable neighborhoods with different functions.



CLAN CLUSTERS:

Clusters of homes in one area.



Gallup ASC and DCD Senior Planner hosts the **Zoning and Ordinance orientation** for LGA Certified Chapters.



CHAPTERS ATTENDED
the session at
BACA CHAPTER.



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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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