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BOY WHOSE BIKE WAS STOLEN GIFTED NEW ONE

Judicial Hearing Officer Victor Clyde spoke on the theme of, "Community, Justice and Safety For All," at the Ramah Judicial District Justice Day on April 5, 2019, as a guest speaker.

And following the event, he put his words into action by purchasing a brand new bike for a child whose bike was stolen the day before.

The new bike was delivered to Tommy Manning IV on Friday evening in Window Rock. President Jonathan Nez helped Clyde to present the bike to Manning.

Clyde read about Manning on Facebook when the boy's mother Kristen Shorty posted about his stolen bike seeking information to help recover it.

"When we got back from school yesterday, my bike was gone," Tommy Manning IV told the President and Clyde.

Manning said his uncle had purchased him the bike for his birthday for being good.

"I'm just thankful this could happen for him because he really worked for his bike and to see him happy again is the icing on the cake. We had a bad day yesterday," Shorty said.

Clyde's message for the 60th anniversary of the Navajo court system is to think about the community.

"Look after each other. If something like that happens, then help each other," Clyde said.

President Nez said it was an honor to join Clyde in presenting the bike.

"I always like to encourage our youth to stay active and live a healthy lifestyle and this will help Tommy do just that. Hearing Officer Clyde's generosity is a great example for everyone," Nez said.

In his remarks at Ramah, Clyde encouraged the audience to include the youth in their activities, including Justice Days. Justice Days are educational public events held by the Navajo Nation courts each year to celebrate their creation on April 1, 1959.

Clyde had also given the invocation at the Supreme Court and Window Rock District Court Justice Day on April 1. The courts are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. President Nez, Speaker Seth Damon, Vice President Myron Lizer, and Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne signed a proclamation on April 1 declaring April the month to celebrate the Navajo court system.

On Friday, there were also Justice Day celebrations at Kayenta, Shiprock, Chinle and Tuba City. Dził Yijiin Judicial District had its Justice Day on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Upcoming events are planned for April 12 in Alamo, April 15 in Aneth, April 26 in Dilkon, and May 3 in Crownpoint and To'hajiilee, respectively.

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