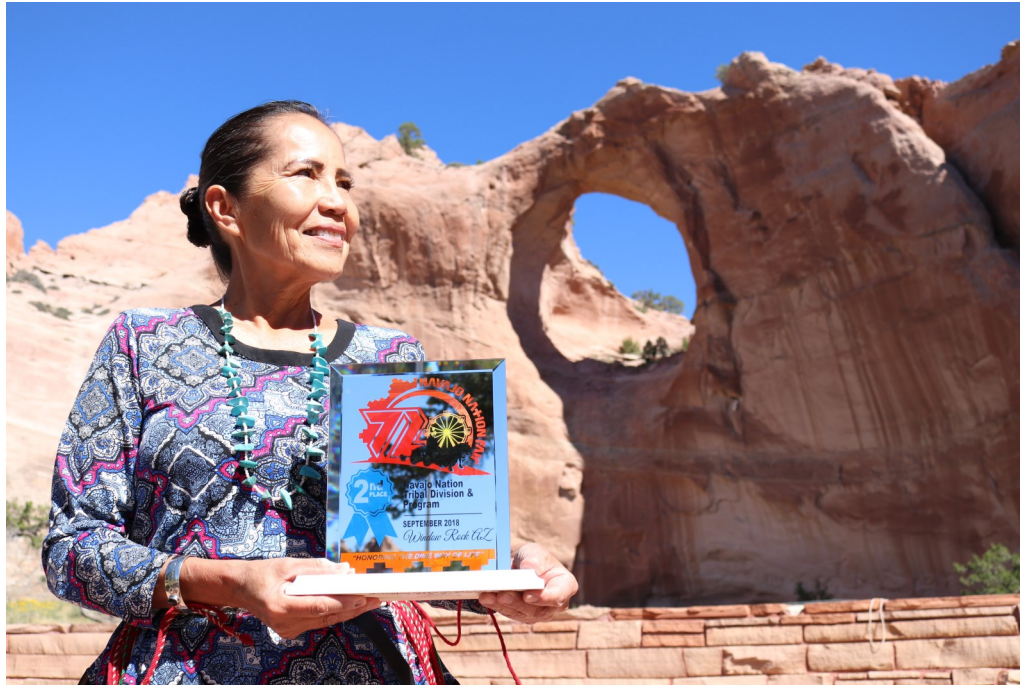


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Judicial Branch wins 2nd in Navajo Fair Parade



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Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne with the 2nd place plaque for Navajo Nation Division and Program.

The Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation has been making itself more visible to the public through participation in the annual fairs. This year, the Judicial Branch took part in the 72nd Annual Navajo Nation Fair's Ashkii Happy Kids Day on September 6, 2018, and took second place for a Navajo Nation Division and Program in the parade on September 8, 2018. The theme for this year's Navajo Nation Fair was, "Honoring the Diné Way of Life."

The Administrative Office of the Courts took the lead in creating the entry for the Navajo Nation Fair Parade. Many employees stayed after work and contributed their own resources to build the float. This was the first time the branch had entered the Navajo Nation parade that any employee could recall. Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, Judge Malcolm Begay and Judicial Conduct Commission member Judy Apachee also joined branch employees on the parade route where they handed out items such as apples, bananas, oranges, granola bars and water.

Ashkii Happy Kids Day began with a march to pro-

tect Diné children. Other activities included a live circus performance by Wise Fool; comedy show with Rez City Improv; motivational speaking by A.J. Bramlett, former member of Arizona Wildcats Basketball team and Cleveland Cavaliers; a song and dance; music performance by Alexandria Rose Holiday; and trick roping by Brittin Shirley. There were also service provider booths, STEM activities, and an exceptional rodeo. The Judicial Branch booth featured a coloring station, face painting and a photo board for children to take pictures. Staff also gave out brochures and information.

The Shiprock Judicial District Court staff worked on the float entry for the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade on October 6, 2018. The theme for the Northern Navajo Nation Fair was, "Nihi Dine'e Hoolaago Dabidziilgo Yiikah," or, "Our Diné Progress Into The Infinite Future With Great Strength And Abilities." Judicial Branch staff, families and volunteers handed out items such as apples, oranges, small notebooks, pencils and stickers. ●

New employees

New Aneth Court Administrator

The new court administrator for Aneth Judicial District is Bryan Parrish. His first day was on September 10, 2018. Parrish is originally from Kayenta, AZ, and his clans are: Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House clan), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running into the Water People clan), his maternal grandfathers are Tódich'ii'nii (Bitter Water clan) and his paternal grandparents are Ashiihi (Salt People clan).

Parrish is coming from the Executive Branch where he has been in management for more than 10 years. He started as a social worker in Utah and later in Arizona. Parrish is familiar with the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch as he has been in a number of trial judges' courts, namely Leroy Bedonie, Jennifer and Genevieve Benally, the late Evelyne Bradley and in Judge Mary Manley's court in San Juan County - 7th District in Monticello, Utah, in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

After leaving social work, Parrish oversaw a diabetes education and prevention program in Kayenta where he enjoyed working with the youth and elderly of the community. He is most proud of establishing a community garden with Kayenta Community School, a summer little league baseball program and developing a summer recreation program for overweight children, focusing on getting children and their families physically active. He is pleased to report all are continuing to grow.

Upon his departure from the Department of Health, he went over to the Department for Self Reliance as a program supervisor. His time there was devoted to ensuring families receive basic financial assistance and getting families off the welfare program by educating them on self-sufficiency through training, job experience and education. He eventually would like to partner with the welfare programs to offer 'job experience' in the Judicial Branch where they can later use the experience to gain employment.

Parrish has always appreciated the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch in working with them and now working for them. He says, "I have inherited a great team, a celebrated staff attorney and a distinguished judge, and I am honored to provide services to Aneth and its surrounding communities." ●

Meet Shawn Attakai, Crownpoint staff attorney

Ya'a't'eeh – Shi ei Bit'ahnii nishli, Tabaha bashishchiin, Kinlichii'nii dashichei, doo Kinyaa'aanii dashinalli. Dine bizaad yashti'. I graduated from Dartmouth College and ASU College of law. I worked in Kayenta Judicial District from 2002 – 2010. Then I worked at a law firm in Phoenix as an Associate, and at a valley tribe as a defense counsel. At Gila River, I worked a lot in the court room representing many clients. I learned a lot about court proceedings, the tribe's criminal code, and working with other attorneys, clients, and court staff. I worked with various departments like Social Services, Corrections, police, hospital, and other jurisdictions such as state and federal. Then after an 8 year absence, I returned to the Crownpoint Judicial District as a Staff Attorney. I am married with children – They are To aheadliinii.

Currently, I have returned to the T'iis ts'ooz nideeshgiizh Judicial District. I am reorienting myself to the Eastern Agency and personnel. As I say, 'I want to know what is beyond those mountains.' Crownpoint has a huge court building compared to the Kayenta court house that I worked in before. I have seen the Judicial Branch evolve over the past years under Chief Justices Robert Yazzie, Clauden Bates-Arthur, Herb Yazzie, and now JoAnn Jayne. I am glad that over the years, the Judicial Branch has taken on the responsibility and a leading role to work with Dine Bibeehaz'aanii. There are many new faces and some familiar ones, Court Administrators, Staff Attorneys, Judges, and staff. I am happy to be back within the four sacred mountains. "Hello" to the new personnel I have not met. I look forward to working with you. ●

Window Rock Traditional Program Specialist

Jimmie Burbank came aboard as the Traditional Program Specialist for the Window Rock Peacemaking Program on July 16, 2018. He is TóDich'íí'nii born for Tó Áhani. His maternal grandparent's clan in Kinyaa'áanii and paternal grandparent's clan is Ma'ii Deeshgiizhnii. Burbank is originally from Tachee, Navajo Nation (Arizona). Prior to coming to the Peacemaking Program, he was employed with Staff Development as a training instructor for nine years. Burbank strongly advocates for the Navajo language, culture and traditions. ●

Healing to Wellness



Brian Joe at the Chinle Judicial District Court

Hello My name is Brian Joe I am the new Resource Coordinator for the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court. My office is location on the first floor of the Chinle District Court. My clans are Kinyaa' 'aanii nishl, TI' izi lani bashchiin, Todik' ozhi dashicheii, Ma'ii deeshgiizhinii dashinali. I am from Salina Springs.

I have graduated from Fort Lewis College and continuing my education at Arizona State University. I have worked in the behavioral health field for five years as a case manager at Native American Connections and Aurora Behavioral Systems. I worked with adolescent and adults in both mental health and chemical dependency. The Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court is a program aimed at adolescent to young adults to reconnesct them with their native traditions through treatment and mentorship. The JHTWC works with various community resources to support youth sobriety, wellness and future autonomy. JHTWC uses two techniques—Indigenous Knowledge and Western Body of Knowledge—to help clients with sobriety. ●



Save Our Schools: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court partners during a meeting on September 20, 2018, at the Chinle Judicial District Court.

Navajo Fairs



The Judicial Branch float at the beginning of the Navajo Nation Fair Parade on Saturday, September 8, 2018.



Dawnell Begay and Quanah Yazzie carry the Judicial Branch banner in the 72nd Annual Navajo Nation Fair Parade on September 8, 2018.



The Judicial Branch float makes it way through the Navajo Nation Fair Parade route.

“Honoring the Diné Way of Life”



Chief Justice Jayne waves at people along the Navajo Nation Fair Parade route on September 8, 2018.

Kids from all over race for treats during the treat scramble at Kids Day. The Judicial Branch contributed fruit snacks. Other programs contributed pencil boxes, pretzels and other goodies.



Administrative Office of the Courts Financial Technician Sandra Dalgai paints a flower onto a child's face during Kids Day.



A student colors the Judicial Branch seal at the branch's coloring station at Ashkii Happy Kids Day. Many children took the opportunity to color the branch and the Peacemaking Program seals at the table with crayons, markers, and pencils.





Participants of the Judicial Branch float during the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade on October 6, 2018.



Shiprock Judicial District Court Bailiff Myron Begay greeting the people along the parade route at the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade.



Joann Plummer, Doris Tsosie and Linda Williams hand out some items during the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade.



Shiprock Judicial District Court Administrator Ethel Laughing hands out a gavel pencil to a parade watcher.



The banner for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch float in the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade.



Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne waves to the crowd at the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade.



Aneth Judicial District Bailiff Daren Roberts walking and waving during the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade.



Handing out water and apples along the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade route.

Dates to remember

October 19, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Kayenta Judicial District. 10 a.m.
- Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meeting.

October 24, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Chinle Judicial District. 9:00 a.m.— Guardianship of a minor.



October 30 and 31, 2018

- Dilkon Judicial District Pro Se Class. Call ahead to confirm that the class is being held at (928) 657-8140.

November 2, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Kayenta Judicial District. 10 a.m.

November 7, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Chinle Judicial District. 9:00 a.m.— Name Change, Correction of Record, Declaration of a Name.

November 6, 2018

- Navajo Nation General Election

November 12, 2018

- Veterans Day (Observed) - Holiday. Judicial Branch closed.

November 14, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Chinle Judicial District. 9:00 a.m.— Probate, Quite Title.

November 21-23, 2018

- Thanksgiving and Family Day - Holiday. Judicial Branch closed.

November 28, 2018

- Pro Se Class. Chinle Judicial District. 9:00 a.m.— Guardianship of a minor.

November 29 and 30, 2018

- Dilkon Judicial District Pro Se Class. Call ahead to confirm that the class is being held at (928) 657-8140.

December 4, 2018

- 33rd Anniversary of the creation of the Supreme Court

December 5 2018

- Pro Se Class. Kayenta Judicial District. 10 a.m.

December 24-25, 2018

- Christmas Eve and Day - Holiday. Judicial Branch closed.

December 27 and 28, 2018

- Dilkon Judicial District Pro Se Class. Call ahead to confirm that the class is being held at (928) 657-8140.

December 31, 2018

- New Year's Eve - Holiday. Judicial Branch closed.

