

## What's news

### Woman taken to hospital after beating

By Arlyssa Becenti  
Diné Bureau

BURNSIDE, Ariz. — A woman was taken to the hospital after she was assaulted by her boyfriend May 28, according to Navajo Nation Police reports.

Connie Billie reported to officers that her boyfriend hit her with his fist, kicked her with his steel-toed boots and struck her with a metal bar and a pipe. Billie was taken to Sage Memorial Hospital in Ganado to receive medical treatment for a laceration above her left eye, a broken left hand and bruises on her body.

The suspect fled the scene in a red Chevrolet Cavalier four-door sedan and is believed to have gone back to his Tohatchi residence. The incident is under investigation.

### 'Memories of Gallup' music festival set for June

By Richard Reyes  
Staff writer

GALLUP — The "Memories of Growing Up in Gallup" Facebook page was such a success, administrators are turning the theme into a summer music festival.

The Memories of Gallup Festival is scheduled for June 22-23 and will feature a Route 66 cruise, a Happy Hour meet and greet at Sammy C's Rock N' Sports Pub & Grille, and a picnic and camp-out with live musical performances at the McGaffey Lake wildlife building.

"We want to get the community to come back together and generate some tourism to Gallup," Rhonda Chewning, who has been helping spread the word, said.

Bands in the music lineup include 20 Gauge, In The End, One Foot In, Reviva, Evolution and Stella Groove. The event will have food provided by Badlands Grill, a horseshoe tournament, volleyball, raffles and more.

Tickets are on sale at Auto Glass and Construction, located at 706 W. Coal Ave., and the Juggernaut, 412 N. Ninth St. Tickets cost \$40 for adults and \$20 for children.

**Information:** Yvette Cook at Auto Glass and Construction, (505) 722-4359; the Juggernaut, (505) 726-8104.



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Chris Nicholas runs Historic Route 66 in Iyanbito Wednesday. Nicholas is running across America and will run a total of about 2,800 miles in a 79-day span.

# Man runs across America for Children's Miracle Network

By Katy Barnitz  
Intern

GALLUP — Since he left Washington on March 25, runner Chris Nicholas has covered 2,008 miles on foot. By the time he reaches his destination, Los Angeles, he will have spent 79 days running across the country and logged 2,792 miles to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Nicholas has worn out eight pairs of shoes, been chased by plenty of dogs and met some of the nicest people America has to offer, he said.

"I've established friendships," Nicholas said. "As I go through the cities people come out and run with me, or they want to check on me."

Hotels and families across the U.S. have provided him free lodging each night so far.

But when Nicholas reached Continental Divide on Tuesday, he was unable to reach the family he was supposed to stay with so he tried the Top of the World Motel. Although the motel had no vacancies, owner Tommy Read squeezed Nicholas into an extra bedroom in his personal living space.

"He's doing a good thing," Read said. "Does it hurt to help people? I've had a lot of kindness done to me over the years."

Read also made sure that Nicholas had solid room plans for the night he spent in Gallup.

"We do the things we can do for anyone who does what he's doing," said Days Inn general manager Emmad Tuqan, who provided Nicholas a room Wednesday night. "We're happy to help."

Nicholas is braving the journey solo, meaning he pushes his 65-70 pounds of necessities in a cart in front of him. But despite running alone, Nicholas has a mass of online followers whom he keeps updated on Facebook and Twitter, posting photos and

anecdotes throughout the day.

"I wanted people to experience the journey with me," Nicholas said. "And if they're motivated by that, maybe it would trigger someone to donate."

Nicholas said he chose the Children's Miracle Network because donations automatically go to the children's hospital nearest the donor rather than diverting back to his home town or one central location.

In addition to raising money for the network, Nicholas left Washington with a few other personal goals. First, to see the country. Nicholas said all of the states from Mississippi to California are brand-new territory for him.

"There's no better way to visit a state than running from border to border," he said.

Nicholas said he also wanted to meet people and share his story and hear other peoples' stories as well. He said he hopes his story has touched people the same way many of theirs have touched him.

"There are so many moments that happen because they're supposed to happen," Nicholas said of the people he has met along the way. Nicholas said he hopes he will inspire others to pursue their goals.

Although Nicholas admitted that he had some difficulty in the beginning, at this point, he has no doubt that he will finish the run. He said that the support of his online followers has largely pulled him through those times of struggle.

At one point, Nicholas said he posted about a particularly rough day. One of his Facebook followers in California responded with a photo of her son laying in his pajamas with a piece of paper reading, "Chris Nicholas, you are awesome."

"No matter what happens, you think of those moments and that gets you through," Nicholas said.

**Donations:** Nicholas' website, [www.runandfinish.com](http://www.runandfinish.com)



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## Law enforcement activity report

By Independent staff

These are the police activity reports issued Thursday by the

On behalf of the **CARL GARICA** families, I would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming generosity. Thank you for all the Cards, Food, Plants, Monies and just for being there. A very special thanks to Gilbert Torrez, Lee Garcia, Flower Basket, Nurse Ray Pon, Colleen and Tristan too. Also a very special thanks to my sister and her husband Regina and Bob Kauzlarich and also to David Kauzlarich for all the work they did, I love you. God blessed us with good and caring friends and family. May God Bless you all. May all things good come to you and yours. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. The Carl Garcia Families.

McKinley County Sheriff's Office and the Gallup Police Department.

### McKinley County Sheriff Office

■ An intoxicated driver hit a vehicle on Historic Highway 66. No injuries were reported.

Michael Jim, 22, was arrested for aggravated DWI, leaving the scene of an accident and immediate notice of an accident.

■ Wayne Garcia, 31, was arrested for a bench warrant.

■ Mariancita Jim, 33, was arrested for a bench warrant.

■ A fight with weapons was reported in Vanderwagen.

Deputies made contact with several subjects but were unable to locate other suspects at that time.

■ K-9 handlers conducted an inspection in the women's portion of the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. Several suspicious items, which were not detailed, were found and turned over to staff.

The sheriff's office reported making three arrests and issuing 29 citations.

### Gallup Police Department

■ Orby Ashcroft, 46, of Gallup, was arrested for shoplifting and

on a bench warrant.

■ Leroy J. Yazzie, 23, of Gallup, was arrested for shoplifting and on a bench warrant.

■ Joseph Gonzales, 26, of Gallup, was arrested on a magistrate warrant.

■ James E. Vinson, 40 of Gallup, was arrested on a bench warrant.

■ Lambert Michalski, 19, of Albuquerque, was arrested on a bench warrant.

■ April R. Young, 43, of Gallup, was arrested for being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

■ Raymond Romero, 19, of Gallup, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

The police department reported 183 calls. The department also issued 28 citations and investigated 17 cases of domestic violence and four accidents.

## Gallup Police call log

### May 11

#### A.M.

12:33 Agg. Battery, 1003 W. Wilson  
1:17 Suspicious, 836 U.S. 491  
1:29 Larceny, 412 N. 5th  
2:23 Disorderly, 3012 E. 66  
3:50 Battery, 1419 Copper  
6:31 Vehicle theft, PS Complaint  
8:22 Property damage, 1811 W. 66  
8:32 Accident, N. 3rd/ W. Maloney  
10:36 Narcotics, 680 S Boardman  
10:38 Larceny, 1715 W. 66  
11:57 Fire, 108 S. Strong

#### P.M.

12:21 Narcotics, 1105 E. Aztec  
12:31 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
1:06 Larceny, 137 Hwy 566  
1:07 Narcotics, 1201 W. 66  
1:25 Larceny, 2515 W. 66  
1:30 Domestic, 112 Arnold  
1:50 Narcotics, Viro  
1:59 Dispute, 1650 W. Maloney  
2:15 Larceny, 516 E. Nizhoni  
2:19 Disorderly, 1120 E. 66  
2:26 Larceny, 805 S. 2nd  
2:36 Narcotics, 1715 W. 66  
3:52 Accident, S. 3rd/W. Mesa  
6:00 Weapon, 3404 W. 66  
4:25 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
4:44 Rape, 2205 E. Boyd  
4:46 Domestic, 1300 W. Maloney  
5:18 Domestic, 311 Churchrock  
6:10 Domestic, 516 E. Nizhoni  
6:36 Accident, 3020 E. 66  
6:55 Assault, 1805 W. 66  
7:59 Suspicious, S. Toltec/E. Ciniza  
8:10 Domestic, 1870 E. 66  
9:43 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
10:07 Assault, 109.5 E. Hill  
10:34 Domestic, 2410 E. Aztec  
10:36 Disorderly, 1811 W. 66  
10:37 Weapon, S. 1st/ E. Hill  
11:16 Larceny, 46 S. Hwy 602  
11:54 Domestic, 653 Jay

On May 11 there was a total of 71 Drunken Persons reports and 91 Other reports.

### May 12

#### A.M.

12:00 Domestic, 1407 Romero  
2:12 Weapon, Lewann/Sandstone  
3:59 Burglary, 712.5 E. Mesa  
4:58 Assault, 516 E. Nizhoni  
5:22 Disorderly, 621 Dani  
11:02 Larceny, 610 W. Maloney  
11:45 Accident, 1119 Ridgecrest

#### P.M.

1:17 Domestic, 2205 E. Aztec  
1:38 Child abuse, 516 E. Nizhoni  
1:51 Accident, 451 N. Munoz  
2:15 Disorderly, 684 Hazel  
3:10 Narcotics, 3649 W. 66  
3:14 Accident, 1300 W. Maloney  
3:28 Larceny, 1300 W. Maloney  
3:43 Domestic, 2857 W. 66  
3:52 Weapon, 3380 W. 66  
4:18 Disorderly, 1300 W. Maloney  
4:18 Disorderly, 985 U.S. 491  
4:21 Larceny, 1300 W. Maloney  
4:47 Disorderly, 680 Hazel  
4:53 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
4:54 Disorderly, 2410 E. Aztec  
5:16 Accident, W. Maloney/U.S. 491  
5:18 Accident, Hwy 602  
6:43 Property damage, 1300 W. Maloney  
6:54 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
8:19 Domestic, 960 E. Buena Vista  
8:30 Larceny, 701 U.S. 491  
8:41 Assault, 620 N. 4th  
9:00 Accident, N. 3rd/W. Maloney  
9:17 Accident, N. 4th/W. Maloney  
9:24 Assault, 11 Dee Ann  
9:27 ATL, 701 U.S. 491  
9:31 Harassment, 201 S. Marguerite  
9:41 ATL, 3306 E. 66  
10:13 Domestic, 650 Dani  
10:54 Larceny, 661 Todd  
11:10 Vehicle theft, 2300 E. 66  
11:12 Accident, 451 N. Munoz  
11:21 Larceny, 3940 E. 6  
11:28 Harassment, 314 Zecca  
11:28 Larceny, 1650 W. Maloney  
11:38 Domestic, 1009 W. Coal  
11:49 Domestic, 2410 E. Aztec

On May 12 there was a total of 58 Drunken Persons reports and 75 Other reports.

### May 13

#### A.M.

12:15 Accident, 1300 W. Maloney  
1:05 Domestic, 319 E. Wilson  
1:12 Assault, S. NM 602/W. Aztec  
1:23 Domestic, 515 E. Pershing  
1:26 Disorderly, 2410 E. Aztec  
1:48 Assault, 2915 W. 66  
1:57 Burglary, 911 W. Aztec  
1:58 Domestic, 801 W. 66  
2:10 Assault, Stagecoach/Aztec  
2:29 Accident, 610 S. 5th  
5:07 Accident, E. Coal/S. Strong  
5:19 Assault, 1109 Burke  
6:27 Assault, 709 W. Aztec  
6:45 Domestic, 837 Lewann  
9:01 Domestic, 2410 E. Aztec  
9:21 Burglary, 405 W. Morgan  
9:40 Vehicle theft, 20 Sundance  
10:27 Domestic, 210 Wyatt

#### P.M.

1:30 Assault, 204 E. Rudy  
3:17 Disorderly, 1015 U.S. 491  
1:27 Domestic, 327 Black Diamond  
3:55 Larceny, 1300 W. Maloney  
4:00 Domestic, 307 S. 8th  
5:23 Property damage, 1001 S. Grandview  
6:07 Burglary, 200 W. Morgan  
6:30 Domestic, 2534 E. Aztec  
6:55 Larceny, 1300 W. Maloney  
7:52 Assault, 506 S. 7th  
9:51 Suspicious, 1650 W. Maloney  
11:03 Harassment, 1007 W. Coal  
11:11 Assault, 3304 W. 66

On May 13 there was a total of 44 Drunken Persons reports and 65 Other reports.

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DARK SHADOWS (PG13)  
11:30 2:00 4:30 7:05 9:50  
\*CHERNOBYL DIARIES (R)  
12:00 2:30 4:45 7:15 9:20  
\*SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG13) 11:30 12:30  
2:35 3:40 6:05 6:50 9:15 10:00  
\*THE AVENGERS IN 3D (PG13)  
12:30 4:00 7:00 10:00  
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**RED ROCK 6**  
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\*THE AVENGERS IN 3D (PG13)  
11:30 12:00 2:40 3:30 6:35 9:10 9:45  
\$2 UPCHARGE  
\*MEN IN BLACK 3D (PG13)  
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00  
THE AVENGERS IN 2D (PG13)  
6:05  
WHAT TO EXPECT (PG13)  
(12:00) 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00  
\*BATTLESHIP (PG13)  
11:45 2:55 6:20 9:25  
\*MEN IN BLACK 2D (PG13)  
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