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YAN youth attend national conference

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YAN youth council and their sponsors attended a 4 day UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) conference in Washington, D.C. from July 10-14. With the theme of "Strengthening Self-Identity and Defining the "U" in UNITY," gave the participants ample opportunity to discuss issues that affected them as an individual and as a group.

More than 1800 attendees converged at the nation's Cap-

ital with representation from over 200 Indian tribes across America and internationally indigenous youth from New Zealand Taiwan and Canada.

Mary Kim Titla, executive director for UNITY at the Mesa, Arizona office was in contact with the Nation's paper after the conference. "What an amazing site it was to see all the youth and their advisors from around the world. There was so much positive energy in one place. It was magical. I'm so grateful to sponsoring tribes like the

Yavapai-Apache Nation for supporting UNITY youth programs," said Titla.

Titla is the daughter of famous Yavapai-Apache Nation Indian artist, Philip Titla. Father Titla's great grandfather is Captain Smiley of Camp Verde, a notorious Apache scout often seen in a photograph holding a rifle in front of a wikiup in the Nation's government buildings.

The extra bonus for one YAN youth, Joel Beauty, who is president of the Nation's youth council in Middle Verde

was to be in the same room with Michelle Obama who told the White House Youth Conference, "Every single one of your lives is precious and sacred and you definitely have a President and a Frist Lady who have your back."

Young Beauty had to complete a pre-conference project to be eligible to participate in the special meeting with Obama.

Beauty's mother, YAN's First Lady Nadine, took the

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Yavapai-Apache Nation members visit with First Lady Michelle Obama. Photo courtesy of Nadie Beauty

GRAND OPENING



Amy Mendoza, top, the oldest member of Yavapai-Apache Nation at 90 years old, cuts the Grand Opening ribbon for the Market Place. At right, future Miss Yavapai-Apache? Top photo by Don Decker, YAN News



Market Place, the Nation's latest business venture draws large crowd

By DON DECKER
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The doors officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Market Place, a new convenience market on Saturday, July 18.

This event attracted a large number of people from the Nation and the Verde Valley. Replete with the sounds of Apache Spirit, a country band from Whiteriver, kept the crowd entertained for the duration of the day.

Over 200 visitors joined the festivities by taking advantage of a cookout prepared by the Nation's Wildland Fire Crew firefighting crew under the direction of Brian Marquez.

Before the official grand opening, a small group from the Nation gathered in front of the Market Place at 6 a.m. to participate in a blessing by San Carlos Apache medicine man Harold Kenton.

Kenton spoke briefly about his traditional family ties to Apache families from the area and explained the meaning of the old Camp Verde songs and the traditional name of a nearby mountain as he sang that morning.

Lucas Evans and Darin Smith, Nation's members drummed and sang along with Kenton for the blessing.

Around 10 a.m. more people began to arrive as radio commercials were still being aired over

KVRD-FM which was advertising the event. KVRD set up a remote broadcast that morning to play music and interview the Nation's council members.

Several city dignitaries from the surrounding communities that were officially invited by the Nation's executive office attended the grand opening as well.

Carol German, council member from the City of Camp Verde, Mayor Diane Joens of Cottonwood, Sandy Moriarty, Mayor of Sedona and Jackie Baker, council member from the City of Camp Verde attended this opening.

"It's beautiful," said Sandy Moriarty, mayor of Sedona. "We've always wanted to work together," she added.

Chairman Thomas Beauty spoke to the crowd and said that it has always been in the tribe's mind to develop the area.

"We are one of the largest employers in the Verde Valley," said Beauty in response to the new market. "We want partnerships with local towns and governments. The tribe wants to be partners. The tribe wants to help. We need to partner. Without you, we can't survive. Without us, you can't survive," he added as the visiting dignitaries listened intently.

In reaching out further, Beauty said, "We need to open our minds. We need to break down those barriers that hinder us from moving forward."

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Yavapai-Apache chairman attends tribal leader roundtable

Yavapai-Apache Nation's Tribal Chairman Thomas Beauty meets with Arizona Governor Doug Ducey on July 15. Courtesy photo



From Executive Office of the Nation

CAMP VERDE – Chairman Thomas Beauty of the Yavapai-Apache Nation attended Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's inaugural Tribal Leaders Roundtable Meeting on July 15 at the state capitol.

"It is critical not just for Tribes, but for all Arizonans, that the Governor have dialogue with Arizona Tribes. A vast majority of Arizona is tribal reservations, and in order to collaborate on economic development, education and natural resources, Tribes must have a voice in the discussion that eventually leads to the development of state policy for Arizona. I am appreciative that

Governor Ducey took the time to update Tribal Leaders on his administrations work and to hear the concerns and current issues of Arizona tribes," Beauty stated.

During the Roundtable Meeting, Governor Ducey provided Tribal Leaders with updates on the Arizona budget, health and human services policies, natural resources, education and provided Tribal Leaders with the opportunity to address the Governor and discuss issues and concerns. Governor Ducey made a commitment to continue hosting the Tribal Leaders Roundtable Meetings and to continue to include tribes in the discussion process at the state Capitol.

The ultimate experience for a Nation member

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A simple thing as such as the winding sound of a camera can upset an elephant, said Harlan.

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Jennie Harlan, in-coming senior at the Verde Valley School in the Village of Oak Creek just returned from a 3 1/2 weeks stay in Malawi, Africa. Harlan is the daughter of Genevieve Datsi, tribal judge and Daryl Harlan who is employed at housing for the Nation.

An earlier story in this paper highlighted Harlan's plans to depart of Malawi.

Since arriving in Malawi on June 7 and returning on July 2, Harlan had many stories to tell of this adventure-an educational adventure. "We went there to not only help but to experience," said Harlan. Into the wild Africa in a nearby village of Liwonde, she saw elephants, wart hogs, water buffalo and crocodiles. Harlan said a close encounter with an elephant while sitting on the tour jeep scared her. One cantankerous elephant was adamant in confronting the tour group and when the critical moment arrived to restart the tour truck, the truck wouldn't start for a few seconds she said.



Jennie Harlan takes care of a child at the Malawi, Africa orphanage. Courtesy photo