

EDITORIAL/COMMUNITY NEWS



Kids say 'Blow bubbles, not smoke'

By MARGIE CAMPOS
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A parade on Thursday, November 19th highlighted the NATIONAL GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT day.

The Nation's children from the Montessori Children's House brought the important message to the Middle Verde Community. The theme 'Blow Bubbles, Not

Smoke' had the children marching through the neighborhood handing out information for those wishing to quit smoking while blowing soap bubbles and chanting 'Blow bubbles, not smoke.'

The CHR, WIC department with Linda Rocha and Renee Gonzales coordinated the event with assistance of the teachers from the school.

Montessori students, above, march with their teachers and sponsors as they make their statement against cigarette smoking. At right, Renee Gonzales from the WIC program walks with the students in the street as the banner carries the message. (Photos by Margie Campos)



Community celebrates Thanksgiving



Community members, top photo, line up and are served a traditional meal by staff members of the Nation. Mina Eppinger, at right, gets the pans of potatoes ready for the Thanksgiving feast. (Photos by Don Decker)

By DON DECKER
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The Nation gathered at the Recreation Center in Middle Verde for the annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 19.

Thanks to the Recreation Department personnel under the direction of Darin Smith, this well-prepared dinner cooked by that department brought forth all the traditional turkey dinner and all of the trimmings along with it.

Over 100 people came to the dinner that was served by the staff members of the Nation's employees. Manu Hailame, native Hawaiian, who is director of the National Ropes Course for the Nation under the recreation department, tended to the oven all



day long as assistants Mina Eppinger, Jacob Lewis and Darin Smith, director of the recreation program, made sure all of the side dishes were prepared in a tasteful manner.

Margie Campos, public relations department event coordinator and the Nation's royalty kept the community members glued to their raffle tickets for some outstanding gifts.

Smith said that all the turkeys and food was served.

Happy holidays

Wishing you every happiness and may the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow this Holiday Season.

I look forward to my continued service to our people and wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-Thomas Beauty, chairman, Yavapai Apache Nation's Tribal Council



SERENITY HOLIDAY LETTER

Hello to all my family, friends and relatives of the great Yavapai-Apache Nation!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and your loved ones be blessed and enjoy this holiday season.

Please travel safe with caution when visiting family and friends as the weather gets colder.

Please keep our veterans and our women and men who are still serving in our prayers.

Also let us share time with all the elders of our communities as they are the pillars of strength, stability and perseverance of our Yavapai and Apache way of life.

A simple "hello" will warm all the hearts of the grandmas and grandpas. This year I have met many

wonderful people, elders and leaders in my journey as Little Missy Yavapai-Apache Nation and I am thankful to you all for sharing your wisdom and time with me.

It is truly a blessing.

Happy Holidays and don't forget to leave the cookies and milk out for Santa!!!

Serenity De La Torre
Little Missy Yavapai-Apache Nation 2015-2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Engracia Caballero
Happy birthday Gracia, have a fun exciting day.

Brian Fernando
Happy Birthday to my handsome awesome nephew Brian James Fernando, I am a proud aunt, keep doing

your best at everything you do.

Have a wonderful day on your birthday December 2, 2015.

I love you James.

Adela Mendez
Adela Mendez, One of the

four most beautiful things that I have had the chance to experience.

Happy Birthday my Delabunts December 14, 2015.

You are growing up to be a wonderful young lady. I am so proud of you every day. I love you very much.

Quarterly tribal gaming contributions continue to rise

PHOENIX - The Arizona Department of Gaming announces that state-wide tribal contributions increased for a fifth consecutive quarter. Tribal contributions to the State from gaming revenue will be approximately \$25.6 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2015. This is a 6.4 percent increase when compared to the same quarter of last year.

"An over 6-percent increase in Gaming revenues, shows how important working relationships with Tribal Gaming partners are

and just how much proper regulation means to the patrons who visit the State's 23 Class III Casinos," said Daniel Bergin, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming.

"We feel our rigorous standards directly relate to the confidence players feel when visiting gaming facilities around the State."

The quarterly tribal contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education: \$12,776,904

Trauma and Emergency Services Fund: \$6,388,452

Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs: \$2,307,226

Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund: \$1,825,272

State Tourism Fund: \$1,825,272

Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention: \$512,717

TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended September 30, 2015: \$25,635,843

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, regu-

lates Indian gaming.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes with casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns and counties.

In Arizona, Class III gaming includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting. There are currently 23 Class III casinos in the state.

Tribes send contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

PIPELINE

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river to the community of Tunlii. Chairman Thomas Beauty spoke about the historical background of contaminated water in Tunlii and said that the concept of selecting the option of inserting the under-river pipeline was an on-going process in the previous administration. He said that he was fully aware of the high content of arsenic in the water for the Tunlii housing area and that the water well that was located 300-400 feet from the river's edge did not comply with the safety stan-

dards for drinkable water because of its high arsenic content. As a result, bottled water was delivered to homes in Tunlii and finally, a pipeline connection to the Camp Verde water system this past January. Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio acknowledged the importance working partnerships such as the Indian Health Service during the completion of the waterline. Within 4 months, the new underground pipeline traversing the Verde River will be delivering fresh water to the Tunlii housing area.

The new system will also eliminate large water bills paid by the Nation to the city of Camp Verde.