

COMMUNITY NEWS

Need a tow? A.R.T. can help you

By Don Decker
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You've seen them down the highway--trucks that pick up disabled vehicles and are hauled off for repairs. Perhaps you may have witnessed a repo of car getting picked up next door to you on the rez. Regardless of any situation with a vehicle that doesn't run, A.R.T. (Arizona Recovery Towing) can haul away any obstinate mechanical beast.

Meet Henry Smith of the Yavapai-Apache Nation who heads the operations for A.R.T. Smith is the son of Norman and Priscilla Smith who own A.R.T.

Now in operation since 2011 when the company was bought out, this family operation has met with some great successes. There are a total of 7 trucks with 5 roll back flat bed tow trucks that can literally pick up a vehicle.

Since the interstate goes through Camp Verde, its not unusual for A.R.T. to receive roadside assistance. "If they break down, they call us and we can take the customers anywhere such as body shops or to their residence at their request," says Smith.

Interestingly, if one looks for an auto tow in Camp Verde on the cell phone, A.R.T. is the very first towing company that shows up and that pleases Smith.

A.R.T. is opened 24/7 and it's a perfect place to work with a total of 8 employees. Of these, there are 6 Indians

working for the company.

"We do semis with the 2 wreckers that can haul an 18 wheeler," said Smith. In addition, there are 2 medium duty wreckers that can pull smaller RVs. And the rest are the flat-bed trucks that makes for easy pickup.

Smith said that A.R.T.'s recognition is so widespread that when he was on vacation in Alaska this past year, a person from out of the crowd recognized Smith instantly recalling A.R.T.'s response to a broken down vehicle on I-17 near Camp Verde.

Smith says persistence pays off and that one has to believe in what one is doing and that it takes lots of time and effort (to make a success out of a business). "It's something that I learned from my mom and dad," says Smith. The elder Smiths own a service station in Camp Verde and a smoke shop in Middle Verde across from the casino.

Other ventures proposed It is this kind of persistence that drives the young Smith to turn up other stones of opportunity such as his intended sports arena he is proposing to the Nation's council.

The sight that he is looking at is where the Clover Leaf Pivot Fields are located some 2 miles southwest of the Nation's administration building.

Smith has had 2 meetings with the council in 2014 and has a revised plan that may address some of the con-



A.R.T. tow truck stops at McDonald's to retrieve a disabled vehicle and transport it to a local mechanic shop. (Photo by Don Decker)

cerns of the tribal council. "We are asking for a long-term lease-that is all we are asking for" said Smith.

In the fall 2014 meeting with the council, Smith was informed that the land in question for the sports arena was planned for the housing program of the Nation.

Now, Smith has the support of the engineering department program of Northern Arizona University to assess the viability of building the sport arena with the assistance of engineering majors to develop a plan for the sports arena and to conduct market surveys for the business venture.

Smith said that the town of Camp Verde had already approved a .01 tax years ago to support a similar venture but the completion has been placed on hold to see what the Yavapai-Apache Nation is going to do. "Basically, it will be 4 softball fields back to back with portable fences that will come down to accommodate larger events such as concerts, biking events, and car shows," envisions Smith. Along with that, a Go-kart track and 2 rodeo championship arenas that will host national events.

"By working closely with the Native American Softball

Association and getting the sanctions together and let them know what we're building and give them the road map," said Smith. "These teams can get out of Phoenix because it is very expensive for them to lease the fields there. It's too much for them and they can't afford a better rate and still be competitive".

Smith said there are hundreds of independent teams traveling the country and by holding the national qualifiers tournaments on the Nation's lands, it would draw large attendances. "The tribe can go in and not only do they gain from the large

paying crowds but get that indirect revenue (through taxes)."

It's an ambitious economic plan for Smith as he believes thousands will be drawn to the new sports arena that will feature 30/60-team tournaments. He mentioned the booking of hundreds of rooms with the Nation's new hotel at the casino. Smith is the varsity softball coach for Camp Verde High School.

The other advantages of the sports arena is that the reclaimed water from the holding tanks that are located near the proposed area and from the Tunlii housing collection pond would be utilized to water the grass fields and other indigenous plants that will be planted around the sports fields. Smith said that by obligating the reclaimed water, the Nation would have one less thing to worry about. Other benefits of the sports arena include employment for field groomers and groundskeepers that will tend to the grassy fields and indigenous plants that will require attention.

"We need new money in Verde Valley and by putting on these events, we will bring in new people," said Smith. He is almost sure that the infusion of new capital into the new ventures proposed will increase the earning income of workers in the area and have impact the casino as larger crowds will come to the new sports arena.

News from Human Resource Department

During the upcoming Benefits Open Enrollment for Employees of the

Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN) where an Employee seeks to have a dependent included under any of the Benefits, the Employee must provide 'Proof of Dependency' for a Spouse and/or Children the Employee wants covered under any of the benefits. The 'Proof of Dependency,' as an Example, could be a Marriage Certificate for a Spouse or a Birth Certificate for a child.

As open enrollment is quickly approaching,

arrangements are being made for the Executive Vice-President, Retirement Plan Services from Kibble & Prentice, who is the YAN's "Plan" Account Representative, to come to the Nation and be available for YAN employees to meet and discuss any and all aspects of the "Plan".

If a YAN Employee has a question as to type of document they can bring with them to Open Enrollment to satisfy the 'Proof of Dependency,' they can contact Christine Hurley, Benefits Coordinator of the YAN 928-111-1212.

Recipes

Garlic Mashed Cauliflower

Ingredients

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1/4 cup skim or reduced fat milk (if you want it to be thicker you can use half and half, or cashew milk)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 scallion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Ground pepper

Directions
Boil a large pot of salted water. Add cauliflower and cook until very, very tender, about 10-15 minutes. Drain.

In a separate sauté pan, warm olive oil over medium-low heat, add garlic (minced or chopped very small), and scallion (chopped small), and sauté until the garlic is golden brown. Remove pan from the heat.

Mash with a potato masher or a fork in a large bowl. You can also use a blender or food processor if you want a smoother mashed cauliflower.

As you are smashing, start adding in the milk until it becomes the consistency of mashed potatoes.

Then add in your minced garlic/scallion and olive oil mixture, salt, and pepper and serve instead of mashed potatoes.

Bacon Brussel Spouts

Ingredients

- 6 slices center-cut bacon, chopped into small pieces
- 1 large shallot
- 1 ½ pounds Brussels sprouts, trimmed and quartered
- 6 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup organic chicken broth
- Salt
- Pepper

Directions
Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add bacon, and sauté for 5 minutes or until bacon begins to brown. Remove pan from heat. Remove the bacon from pan with a slotted spoon. Reserve some of the bacon drippings in the pan and discard the remainder.

Over a medium-high heat stir in bacon, shallot, and brussel sprouts; sauté about 4 minutes. Add garlic, and sauté for 4 minutes or until garlic begins to brown, stirring frequently. Add the chicken broth, and bring to a boil. Cook for 2 minutes or until the broth mostly evaporates and the brussel sprouts are crisp and tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; stir in salt and pepper.



Montessori students take field trip to Dewey pumpkin patch

Montessori students collect pumpkins in Dewey. Montessori students and their teachers along with some parent volunteers, traveled to the Dewey pumpkin field to take advantage of a hay ride through the fields. (Photo by Don Decker)

Nation's corn harvest contributes to clean air

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Yolanda Trujillo, manager of the Nation's Agriculture Resource Department couldn't be happier as she witnessed the harvesting of field corn and loading the corn on a huge truck which made its way to an ethanol refinery plant in Phoenix and to feed lots in Phoenix.

Alternative fuels is nothing new and the Nation does its share in cleaning up the air and purifying the type of fuel that is burned in vehicles in Arizona.

Ethanol is a renewable fuel (aka: "Bio-mass") from various plant materials such as the Nation's corn.

In America, 95% of the gas contains ethanol and at the pump it is known as "E-10" or 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline.

According to Google.com sources, Henry Ford who was the earliest auto

maker "suspected that it would be the world's primary fuel before gasoline became readily available". Furthermore, in this same source, it is estimated that "...by 2030, ethanol and other biofuels will replace 30% or more of the US demand for gasoline".

The overall benefits of ethanol is that there are lower levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Some studies clearly point to the fact that greenhouse gas emissions contributes to global warming. Some scientists believe that the polar ice melt that is occurring now is a result of these unregulated emissions.

Yavapai-Apache Nation is indeed, in the forefront of addressing this problem by contributing to the refinement of ethanol fuel production and also providing high quality livestock feed.



Harvesting pinons: an annual tradition

Pinon pickers gathered piñon nuts in the surrounding hills of Verde Valley and some places further away toward Payson as well. Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio took some time off to spend time with this group who had a hefty harvest of the piñon nuts that is a favorite among the Nation's members. (Photo by Darlene Rubio)

Yavapai Culture News

By Gertrude Smith
Director

Well with winter upon us and Fall in the air with the leaves beginning there change, it will be that time again to start the winter stories. We are just beginning our second set of students from Camp Verde Middle School; there will be 10 for Yavapai and 10 for Apache. This will be a 5 week program with the children learning basic introductions, a Prayer, songs, along with basic language at the end of this there will be a graduation with a certificate, hooded sweat shirt, candy lei, language materials. Then another session will begin with another grade higher. The school provides the transportation to the culture center on these days.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-7pm we have Yavapai Language with Frieda at the Clarkdale Learning center, this is an adult class. She is doing another 15 lessons for people who want to learn the Yavapai language, the language our ancestors used. On Friday's starting

November 6, 2015 from 9-12pm Abaja Friday's will be starting for those who want to learn what to learn the language, and who were not selected with the school. This will be held at the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Culture Center call Jordon at 928-649-6963 to get a list so we will know how many are interested. The Center has a gift shop in the building if you're looking for a last minute gift come see what we have it is open from 8-5pm Monday -Friday. We have camp dresses, Ribbon shirts they don't last long, small-medium burden baskets. We also have a small selection of soaps and books on the Yavapai and Apache, so stop by on your way to or from town. During the week we have open crafts if you want to sew, bead, mend your boots bring them by and we can show you how to do this. With Exodus coming up in three months start working on your Camp dress, ribbon, shirt or if your Granddaughter, Daughter is going to run in this year's Pageant its time to start.