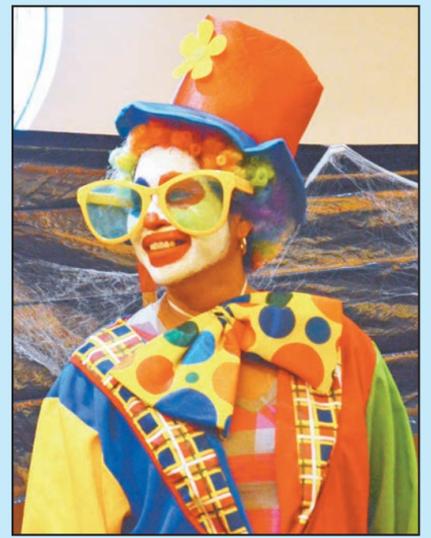


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Nation celebrates Halloween



YAN staff members dressed up for the Halloween luncheon on Thursday, October 29 to enjoy a few moments together as the "best dressed" in several categories were selected by the judges. This event was coordinated by the public relations department under Margie Campos and committee members. (Photos by Don Decker)

Monster Mash Rez Style in Clarkdale: a Halloween party!

By Don Decker
YAN News

For several years now the Clarkdale community seems to attract mysterious guests as Halloween approaches each year. Libby Johnson, tribal member, said that inviting these goblins to the 'Monster Mash' October 24, Saturday brought the right atmosphere for the occasion as 80 people converged on the community center to greet the special "guests" which included 'Court Jester' and sinister-looking characters from the 'Chuckie' clan.

Elders, Amy Mendoza who is 90 years old, seemed

to enjoy the evening along with another elder Mary Wathogoma. Local peace officers Sgt. Huibregtse and Officer Jardine from the Nation's police department participated as well by bringing the cakes and candy. It was an evening that started around 5 p.m. that was filled with games, cake walks and chilli dogs.

This annual event has gotten so popular that non-Nation children attend this event as the news about the Halloween party is spread at the local elementary school.

Johnson who works for the Nation's Gaming Commission as Office

Specialist said that the Halloween party has been a family tradition for several years and it started out small and now the party has grown into a large event each year requiring a larger place.

Johnson has her family to thank. "I want to give a huge thanks to my family for all helping out put this party together. Without you guys, this would have been impossible," she said. "I can't wait for next year," said Johnson whose children and their aunts and uncles including grandpa Morgan Johnson, Sr. who had a hand in all of the spooky events in Clarkdale.



Elders Mary Wathogoma (L) and Amy Mendoza take a break with the goblins of Clarkdale during the Monster Mash. (Photo by Don Decker)

Nation's educator joins Yavapai County Education Board (YCEB)

Tim Wiederaenders, president, welcomed newly elected board member Laurie Kaaekuahiwi, the Title VII coordinator for the Camp Verde Unified School District. Recommended by the Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Council for the board, Kaaekuahiwi works on a daily basis with native students not only from the Yavapai-Apache tribe but also other tribes. The Arizona native joins 14 other board members representative of Yavapai County in administering the functions of the non-profit foundation which supports and promotes educational activities in the county. (Photo submitted by YCEB)

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says that he wants to fly his team to the tournament to avoid a lengthy 13 hour car ride that may tire out his fighters. The club needs money for lodging, food and taxi fares and to return home after the event.

Dominique Begay, a 19 year old, came here 9 months ago with her mom, Jennie Hudson of Coppermine near Page, Arizona. "I'm 50 years old and it's been prevention of diabetes. I lost 8 lbs.," says Hudson.

If you simply just want to get in shape and workout, it's a matter of plunking

down \$45 for one month. As a motivation, if you re-up for another month, Larson kicks in a free week at the last of the month.

"We try to help those who are trying to overcome their addictions. Through fitness, we replace what addictions they may have," said Larson.

(Besides, it beats hanging around in an exercise place

with machines and people minding their own business with their ear phones.)

There are 4 exercise classes during the week and it all depends how many times a person would like to come and exercise. The only limitation is that the club only has space for about 12 people according to Larson. The Larson's Champs Gym start-



Happy Birthday

Liliana Marie Fernando Happy Birthday to Liliana Marie Fernando, I am so proud of who you're growing up to be, keep doing your best at everything you do.

Have a wonderful day on your birthday November 15, 2015.

John Hartnett

I want to wish my awesome brother, John Hartnett aka Sonny aka Chucky a Happy Birthday on November 20, 2015.

You are doing a wonderful job raising your son thank you for a cutie nephew.

ed in 2011 with just 2 tribal girls on Hollum Street in Camp Verde.

With the monthly paid membership, the Larsons were able to meet the monthly rent to train some kids.

["Don't look at me! Keep working!" -Larson to kids while being interviewed].

"We just developed a fol-

lowing from the kids and the interest for the kids and just kinda grew from there—winning titles, giving kids opportunities, new tribal members winning and they are carrying on where I left off.

I hope they win more titles than I won, to achieve more than what I did," said Larson with a giant smile.