

COMMUNITY NEWS

Monte Reimer graduates from Yavapai College

BY JARED BEAUTY,
YAN News

Monte Reimer a probation officer at the Yavapai Apache Nation has recently graduated from Yavapai College. During Reimer's time at Yavapai College he took online classes to maintain his full time job working for the Yavapai Apache Nation.

Reimer would be described as a nice, respectful, easy-going guy who is willing to help anybody in need.

Reimer is married to Karla Reimer who also works with the Nation. Reimer has 3 daughters, and 7 grand children. Reimer attended Fox Valley Technical School in Appleton, Wisconsin for a month and a half in order to become a probation officer. Reimer has been a certified probation officer for the Yavapai Apache Nation since June 17th of 2016.

Reimer is from Huron, South Dakota and attended Huron High School. Reimer's mother was also a schoolteacher.

During Reimer's time working for the nation he has been a probation officer for about 45 to 50 juveniles and adults.

During an interview with Reimer he was asked what the best part of his job is, he replied



Monte Reimer sits next to his Yavapai College Associate of Arts in Applied Science degree diploma and the certificate of completion from the National Criminal Justice Training Center at the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Photo by Jared Beauty.

by saying, "The best thing about my job is the people."

Reimer has been working for the nation for about 2 1/2 years. Before Reimer began working at the Yavapai Apache Nation he

spent 21 years at the Camp Verde Marshal's Office.

Reimer will continue his job as a probation officer for the nation and will help as many people as he can.

Summer Youth Program

BY JARED BEAUTY,
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The nation's summer youth program allows its children to occupy themselves with a variety of activities from bowling at the nation's casino, creating arts and craft at the rec center, and swimming at the town's local swimming pool.

This will allow our

children to stay active, and will let them to communicate to other children. According to the department of recreation, they have at least 20 children in the summer youth program. The recreation department for the summer youth program will be ending on July 21st and the nation's children will be preparing for school in the fall.



A summer youth student working on an art project.

Photo by Jared Beauty

Thank you from the Diabetes Program

BY ROBIN HAZELWOOD,
YAN Diabetes Coordinator

Happy Monday everyone, I just wanted to take some time to give a big "thank you" to everyone who lent a helping hand during the Diabetes Prevention and Awareness presentation. Genevieve Russell, Darin Smith and his crew, Nina Sanchez & Angelica from WIOA, our motivational speakers Mr. Steve Saffron and Mr. Steven Pattea. It took a while to get the youth out of their comfort zones but in the end everyone came around, participated and we all had a good

time with one another. I want to say I was happy when one of the questions in our circle was; what did you learn about today and good ole' Nicholas Mendez said "Diabetes". It is important that we teach our youth about the epidemic of diabetes in Indian country, Native Americans are the leading minority group with Diabetes. We will meet again next month on July 22, 2016 to present another Diabetes Awareness & Prevention to the second group of WIOA Summer Youth workers. Have a great day everyone! Oh and remember "This Kid is Good" aye!

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in English.

Beauty is the son of Thomas and Nadie Beauty of Middle Verde.

When he's not in school, he likes to tinker with computers, fix them and play all sorts of games on there and listen to "21 Pilots", a pop group.

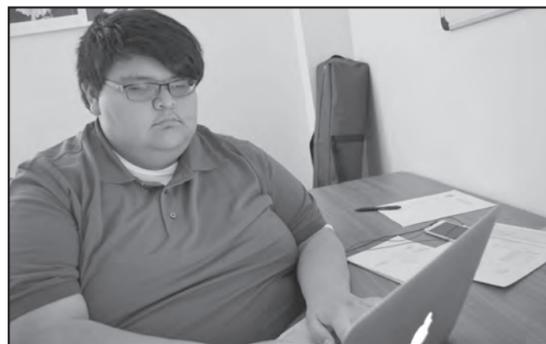
He will be circulating through the community gathering news.

Please welcome him. He has already uncov-

ered some great news that he is now working on.

Stay tuned for an

interview he completed with Monte Reimer, probation officer for the Nation.



Jared busy writing a story forthcoming in the July edition of the Nation's paper.

Congratulations Cesar Lopez Jr. Hinsdale South Graduate of 2016!

BY SAUNDRA LOPEZ OF HINSDALE,
ILLINOIS, mother to Cesar Lopez, Jr.

When Cesar was born, from day one, he was given a grim future. Doctors and nurses repeatedly told us to have him institutionalized. I remember one social service worker saying, "Look around, you don't see kids like him around. That's because they don't do well in society at all. It's better for him if you just sign him over to the state. He will be placed in a hospital where they will take good care of him."

The doctors told us he would never sit, crawl, walk and that children with his syndrome have many disabilities and severe learning delays. We were told he had scoliosis, missing ribs, facial abnormalities, and missing a kidney. Within weeks, therapy began and a few months later, the surgeries started. It wasn't until later, at the age of 2 1/2, we learned he was deaf in one ear and had a profound hearing loss in the other. Little by little he began to lose vision in one eye.

From the beginning, we traveled to many specialists every week. It slowed down to once a month when he reached middle school. Despite all the doctors' initial diagnosis, Cesar did very well in school as he earned mostly A's and B's throughout elementary and middle school. With hard work, he overcame his physical disabilities. He was doing all the things the doctors said he wouldn't do. He overcame all the odds that were stacked against him. Throughout all the rude stares and comments from children and adults, he prevailed!

By the 6th grade he began to soar! He was involved in deaf drama,

which I thought was pretty cool, and played sports after school like soccer and baseball. Then in high school, he did amazingly well. He joined things that normally deaf kids don't do or join. He joined Cross Country and did so well he made it to the State Championship. He joined track, volleyball and JRIAD. His best running record was 2.15 minutes in "800 meter" (2 laps around a football field) and 5.07 minutes in "1 Mile", despite just having facial surgery that required a bone from his hip that same year.

Although Cesar had many surgeries, he always bounced back. One surgery that stands out, was that his scoliosis was very bad. Doctors said one wrong hit to his body could paralyze him and emergency surgery was scheduled right away. In an 8 hour surgery, doctors placed two metal rods down his spine. Recovery was 6 months, at least. Cesar was up and walking within 10 days. We couldn't believe it, nor could the doctors. Cesar said it was hard but he knew he didn't want to be stuck in a bed for 6 months. And if anyone remembers baby Cesar, he sure was energetic and always running somewhere.

Today we are so proud of his accomplishments. We want to congratulate Cesar Lopez Jr. who graduated with a GPA of 3.75 from one of the 50 top rated high schools in the U.S.- Hinsdale South High School in Illinois. He received awards for "Sportsmanship", "3 Sport Athlete", and "Athletics". He is enrolled to attend Harper College located in Palatine, IL in the fall where he will continue to run cross country and



Cesar Lopez surrounded by his parents at graduation this spring.

track. He wants to earn a degree in Medical Coding. We always encouraged him to push past his limits and to put forth all his efforts in his school work. Even if he received an occasional "C", we never put him down and always tried to build him up. We didn't allow him to use his disability as an excuse not to do something or to try something new.

Cesar would like to tell anyone who is reading this: "Don't let anyone tell you, you can't do something. If I can do it, you can too!"

I want to ask parents to always encourage your children, lift them up, say positive things about them, from their body to their character traits. Trust me, the world we live in and

society will always try to bring them down. I also give all the credit to God who helped us through tough times and good times. Thanks to all the people who were involved in Cesar's life and helping us raise such a good young man. We love you Cesar with all our hearts and we are very proud of you!

Love,

Saundra (Mom), Cesar Sr. (Dad) your grandmother, Nadine Espinoza. You are going to accomplish many great things!

(Editor's note: Nadine Espinoza is part of the Honwyteva family of Middle Verde. Nadine is tribal court advocate for the Nation.)