

COMMUNITY NEWS

New TGO director is named by the Nation

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YAN News photo

Michael Padilla of Casa Grande, Arizona was named the new TGO director for the gaming commission which oversees the regulatory operations of the Cliff Castle Casino.

Mr. Padilla is not new to the gaming industry

as he was the executive director of the gaming commission for the Paiute Tribe in Bishop, California for their Paiute Palace Casino for 4 years. Subsequently, he became the general manager of the same casino for 4 years. From 2002-2013 he was with the AK-chin Regulatory Agency on the AK-chin

Indian Reservation 40 miles south of Phoenix.

More recently, he was with the Ft. McDowell gaming agency for 4 months.

Mr. Padilla grew up in Casa Grande. He has one 11 year old daughter. Even while he was in Bishop, California all those years Mr. Padilla always had a

fondness for his hometown - Casa Grande as he continued to maintain a home there while in California. "It was mean't for me to come home," he said.

His office is located below the Cliff Castle Casino.



Michael Padilla

"Voters" vote for their favorite ice cream

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Community members and employees of the Nation had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the electronic voting machines that will be used in the upcoming election on Saturday, September 16.

Automated Election Services (AES) of Albuquerque, New Mexico representative Mario Ruiz was on hand to answer any questions about the use of



Desiree Huey testing the voting machine.

the electronic voting methods including the procedures for marking the ballots. Mr. Ruiz said AES services most of the Indian tribal elections.

To entice the "voters" to vote, flavors of ice creams were used as "candidates". With 3 flavors of vanilla, strawberry and chocolate, 31 ballots were cast and chocolate won with 7 votes. There were other selections made by the "voters" as write-in candidates although there are no provisions for that on the ballots.



YAN staff members participating in the favorite ice cream voting .



White Shell Woman Ceremony-Mikayla Mix (l) coaching Annabelle Lowry during ceremony summer of 2016



Jeffery Jackson inspects a new rock wall he has built next to his apartment. All of the plants were planted by Jackson.



Jeffery Jackson who resides on Wiki Way Street in Middle Verde offers free manure to bushes lining the apartments housing elders. Jeffery invested in his own tools to use on neighbor's bushes.



Genevieve Victor (L), enrolled member of San Carlos Apache and YAN member Pamela Jackson models Mrs. Victor's apron which took her less than a half day to sew.



NEW FOOD BANK HOURS

The YAN Food Bank hours have change to a five day coverage Monday thru Friday but still at 32 hours per week. The new hours are as follows:

- Monday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Tuesday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Should you have any questions regarding the changes please free to contact Lavina Sanchez at the Food Bank office @ 928 649-7125 or email lsanchez@yan-tribe.org.

On September 15, 2017 I will be attending the YAN Heath Fair conducting a survey to collect data on the needs and the improvements the community would like to see for the Food Bank Program. Hope to see you all there.