

COMMUNITY NEWS - HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas light parade through Middle Verde



EPA Float

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Even though the parade was short, the enthusiasm, the spir-

it and excitement was there Friday evening December 15, as 4 floats made their way through the Middle Verde darkness where

community members greeted the light parade. The Marquez's family float, which led the parade, encountered

Day Care float receives 2nd Place.

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Distant Drum RV Resort

the parade. The Distant Drum RV Resort float received 1st Place with the Day Care Center placing 2nd and the EPA department

3rd Place. All of the floats received special gift baskets through the public relations office (Margie Campos).

Montessori students share festive morning

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On December 21, students from the Montessori Children's House in Middle Verde performed traditional Christmas songs at the Palmer Building at Rainbow Acres next to the community of Middle Verde.

The holiday stage setting featured a decorated Christmas tree next to the right side of the stage that set the mood for some 46 students who stood on the stage singing and reciting poetry to the

audience.

The Palmer Performance Hall was packed with parents, grandparents and friends who came to see the students perform.

Visitors were encouraged to bring a plate of cookies to share and after the concert, some 150 members of the community met with their children who performed.

Ms. Letty, lead teacher and manager of the Montessori Children's House said that the students were well versed in their dialogue and songs for the program that morning.

"We began introducing songs the first week of November and practiced more intense the last 2 weeks before the program," she said.

Singing such songs as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", "Holly Jolly Christmas", "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and even sang 2 songs in traditional Apache (taught to them by Rachel Beauty from the YAN Apache culture department).

To close out the concert, the students sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and the ever popular Jose Feliciano song, "Feliz Navidad".



On stage at the Palmer Building -Rainbow Acres singing Christmas songs and reciting poetry..



The Montessori Christmas concert was widely attendant.

Elders enjoy a holiday luncheon

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The second Friday of each month brings all of the YAN elders for a noon luncheon at the Mountain Springs Buffet but this month, the luncheon was held at the new convention center that is annexed to the casino-hotel complex on Friday, December 8.

This special Christmas holiday luncheon provided a festive mood in a banquet style luncheon for the elders.

The menu included exquisite southwest Mexican dishes and assorted fine dining French desserts (Crème bru'lee) and assorted pies

with ice cream, cheese cake, soft drinks, ice tea and coffee.

The Senior Program which sponsors this monthly luncheon also gave special gifts to each elder and a special warm fleece throw-blanket with a sewn-on seal of the Yavapai-Apache Nation that was donated by the Apache culture department.

The Nation prides itself in employing YAN members and other tribes within the government including the casino. All of the dining personnel serving that day were mostly Nation's members.

Special holiday photos were also taken of the elders by the public relations department of the Nation.



Mexican cuisine greets the elders in the new convention center of the hotel.



The YAN convention center serving crew consists mainly of Nation's members.



The Christmas luncheon provides the right atmosphere for visiting.