

COMMUNITY

The Nation's royalty participated in St. Patrick's Day Parade

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The Nation's royalty were in a parade Saturday, March 17 in Sedona.

Based on reports from parents, the Nation's royalty were well received by spectators along the route. The parade usually begins on the northwest side of downtown Sedona on Jordan Road.

The following royalty participated: Miss Teen Yavapai-Apache Nation Taylor Lewis-Moore- daughter of Trapper Moore and Tanya Lewis, Noelani Victor-Little Missy who is the daughter of Bethany Lowry (and granddaughter of Margie

Campos), Domonic Thompson-Tiny Tot Boy, the son of Randi and David Thompson (David is the son of Margie Campos), and Tiny Tot Girl Takada Martinez, daughter of Angel and Donovan Martinez all participated in this colorful parade celebrating Irish heritage.

After the parade, the YAN royalty were declared "Best Overall" parade entry by the Sedona Parks and Recreation Office.

A certificate was presented to Marjorie Campos, assistant manager of the Nation's public relations office on behalf of the parade entries.



Royalty Noelani Victor (l) and Domonic Thompson, Tiny Tot with mother Randi Thompson during the parade.



Miss Teen YAN Taylor Lewis-Moore representing the Nation.



Angel Martinez (l) holds daughter's hands, Tiny Tot Girl Takada Martinez

UPDATE FROM MISS TEEN YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

Dagteh! March was great month!

I participated in the Sedona St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Yavapai-Apache Nation Courtship. It was a beautiful day and met Congressman Tom O'Halleran and other new people.

I was honored to address the Tribal Leadership at the Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming Tribal Leaders Meeting at We-Ko-Pa Conference Center. It was interesting to hear the candidates for the upcoming Arizona elections, especially Tracy Livingston who is seeking the Superintendent Office for Arizona.

I attended the Annual Gathering of the Pais hosted by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. It was a wonderful event and met new friends. Congratulations to Goldie Havatone who was name Ms. Elder Pai Woman 2018-2019 and Dawn Rocha who was name Ms. Pai Woman 2018-2019. Both women are from the Hualapai Nation.

As Miss Teen Yavapai-Apache I have reached out to our children in the Montessori Schoolhouse and Day Care Center which I will dedicate time to read to the children.

I look forward to meeting members of our community at our Nation's events.

Ashoog! Taylor Lewis-Moore



Miss Teen YAN Taylor Lewis-Moore with Congressman Tom O'halleran in Sedona parade.

EXHIBIT

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Carrie Heinonen organized this special show along with other team members of the museum in Flagstaff.

Dr. Breunig greeted all of the visitors after the visitors mixed with one another prior to the opening of the exhibit.

"We are just so honored that you are here. We hope you like what has come about here and to have everybody helping us with this. We are honored for a lot of good feelings," he said.

Other key individuals addressing the visitors included James Ugualla of the Supai Nation who is a former chairman.

"It is a good day for your presence physically-- at this moment-- is

divine and blessed by the gatekeeper—the source. The Colorado Plateau surrounding the ultimate of medicine altars which is the Grand Canyon. We were strategically placed for the legacy of time and each of you were given the traditions, the ritual to be able to carry on the spiritual brilliance that is allowed for our people to survive, the key word here is "Our". We are brothers and sisters," said Ugualla.

Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Director of Hopi Cultural Preservation Office spoke about the precariousness of the drought in the southwest.

"All of these items that we see today really have to do with water (the clay pots) and we've had a dry winter.

We pray through our talents and incorporate that with our crafts. And without water, that makes us work extra hard just to survive. We want the best for the place we call home. I have wondered how our ancestors survived in times like these we are experiencing right now," said Mr. Koyiyumptewa referring to the on-going drought in the southwest.

The Jones Benally family representing the Navajo Nation also offered a traditional prayer song that was sung by the family along with Rose Darden, a Flagstaff Navajo community member.

Ms. Darden and husband Steve Darden are the corner stone of the Native American com-



Gertie Smith with the Nation's Yavapai culture department spoke to the gathering

munity activities in Flagstaff. She offered a Navajo prayer with the pollen.

The current 'Native Peoples of the Colorado Plateau' exhibition will be on display until the

end of May.

There is an admission fee to enter the museum.