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YAN police officers recognized for outstanding performance

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YAN police persons attended an evening banquet at the Tunlii Center on Saturday night, March 31.

Police Chief Jon Huey emceed the evening event. Several awards were given to officers employed by the nation as well as recognizing local community entities including the Camp Verde Middle School.

Lucinda Morrow is a Nation member and she was one of the people recognized for her dedication to the department as she received the Administrative Employee of the Year Award.

"I had no idea that I was being considered to receive one. I am truly honored and grateful to receive recognition for my efforts. However, I would do what I do regardless. This is a great department—I

couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with. We all strive to keep our Nation safer," said Ms. Morrow.

Mr. Huey also gave special recognition to his wife Desiree who assisted with organizing all of the banquet arrangements along with team members Lucinda Morrow, Chanelle Preston and Christina Shirley from the police department.

This included the rose floral arrangements around the police badge cake on the table, the stage décor and center pieces on the tables.

A special prayer and song was offered by Apache Manuel 'Speedy' Cooley of Whiteriver for all of the officers and their families. Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki was in attendance as well.



Joshua Collins gets the 'Officer of the Year Award'.

YAN News photos.

Mr. Danny Howe, principal of Camp Verde Middle School receives an award for providing a positive environment for tribal students.



Verde Valley School sponsored a "Dream Run 5K to raise scholarship funds



Genevieve Datsi, YAN council member runs a marathon. YAN News photos.

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The Second Annual 'Dream Run 5 K' brought about 60 runners to the campus of the Verde Valley School in the Village of Oak Creek on March 3, Saturday. Yavapai-Apache Nation was one of the sponsors of the event.

All of the proceeds from this run go to the payment of tuition of Indian students attending the school. Last year, \$5,000 was raised

toward the tuition costs.

Genevieve Datsi, council member of YAN whose daughter attended the school and graduated from there 2 years ago (now attending Dartmouth College), ran the 5K course with her husband Darryl Harlan.

The 5K run (3.1 miles) went northwest of the school on a well-maintained gravel road for about ½ mile then took off into the forest trail up to the base of a rocky mesa 1.5 miles from the school.



A family jogs the 5K run at Verde Valley School

April's Birthday's

Dominic Thompson

2yrs old

What a special boy, Love you and
Keep calling me its just to cute to hear
You on the phone.

Prayers & Happy thoughts always
Grandma & Grandpa Jenkins

To my son Richard Campos
I love you and know your day sucks
But remember we are always thinking about
you.
Love, Mom & Dad and the rest of your family

May's Birthdays
CJ Thompson

May your day be great, Lots of love and hugs.
Eat lots of cake.

Always in our hearts & prayers
Love Grandma & Grandpa Jenkins

Razakel (Butterfly) Thompson Gates

We Love you little one
May your day be beautiful as you are.
Hugs & Love & Kisses
Always in our prayers & hearts
Love Grandma & Grandpa Jenkins

Chelsea V. Campos

WOW 21yrs old now (May 6th)

Grandma Girl I love you more than you will ever
know

Please remember that and don't be to crazy
now "Okay"
You still have a whole lot of life to live and help
me & Grandpa

I love you always. Prayers & Lots of love
Hugs & Kisses
Grandma & Grandpa Jenkins

Indigenous Language Immersion

BY OLIVIA MCMAHON

From April 9-11, 2018, I attended a three-day workshop on "Developing Relevant Language Teaching Guides, Activities and Materials" in Santa Fe, NM. There were indigenous language teachers representing most of the 20 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico making up the majority of the group.

There were also people from Canada that spoke Cree, a few Apache speaking people, one from Mescalero tribe, and two from the Yavapai-Apache Nation including myself. Also, four Yavapai language teachers from the Yavapai-Apache Nation. As far as language, Yavapais are a Yuman-speaking people and Apaches are Athabascan-speaking people, which are completely different languages. So, it is important to teach both, or one or the other.

On the first day, we discussed why the lan-



Olivia McMahon shows some of the language props for instruction that was made at the workshop. McMahon is Youth Program Facilitator. YAN News Photo.

guage of our ancestors is important today, and what the values and knowledge our learners need to know from a tribal community standpoint. In our respective groups, we made a poster that represented our community beliefs and what kind of values we wanted to teach our youth.

Topics ranged from family values to addressing community leaders from the TAOS-Pueblo: What it means

to be Hemish: cultural knowledge, values, ceremonial knowledge, spiritual beliefs, principles, and gender specific from the TOWA-the mother tongue of Jemez people; Our Ways-Core (Spiritual, Language, Wisdom, Love) Inner (Respect, Honesty, Sharing, Peace) Outer (Provider, Hard-Working, Responsibility, Dignity) from the Ojibway tribe; A Balanced Life using a Medicine

Wheel Approach: Green/Land/North/Spiritual-Sun dances, Sweats, Smudging, Horse Dances, Chicken Dances. Yellow/Fire/East/Mental-Academics, Life Skills, Blue/Water/South/Emotional-Wellness, Rehab, Counseling, Training & Trainer. Red/Air/West/Physical-Activities, Diet, Sports, Body Development,