

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki

To all our Yavapai-Apache Nation graduates:

1. Read the Vice-Chairman's article and follow his advice.
2. Remember who you are and be proud to be a Yavapai-Apache.
3. Find some things to do this summer that are good for you and you love to do.
4. Get lots of sleep and spend lots of time outdoors enjoying nature.
5. Eat breakfast and healthy snacks.
6. Practice your sports so you don't fall behind.
7. Be a good friend and show them you care about them.
8. Take care of what you have and thank your parents for what they do for you.
9. Read a good book or magazine or something new every day.
10. Learn to do something new this summer that you don't know how to do today:

Some examples are: Learn to swim, horseback riding, playing an instrument, fishing, writing a story, a new craft, cooking for your family, learning how to drive, how to fix something.

We are very proud of you and hope you have a wonderful summer! Be safe and make good choices.



Chairwoman Winiecki talking with student during awards day.

-Jane Russell-Winiecki



Giovanna Ponte Russell (2nd from R) poses with family mother Sacheen Ponte (L), grandmother Siera Russell and cousin Alexia Eswonia all of Clarkdale.

On Wednesday evening, May 23rd, Giovanna Ponte Russell, great-granddaughter of the late Aaron and Joanne Russell, was promoted from 8th grade. Family celebrated her achievement. Giovanna was the only YAN citizen in their 8th grade class at AHA Cottonwood.

She is surrounded by her mother, Sacheen Ponte of YAN Clarkdale Community, grandmother Councilwoman Siera Russell, and cousin Alexia Eswonia.

(May 31st -Nate Ibarra) Happy Birthday to an amazing husband and an awesome DAD!!!

May the creator continue to shower you with many blessings everyday of your life! With lots of love & prayers from your wife and your boys!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
 The GREATEST gift we ever had, came from GOD;
 We call him Dad (Nate), Papa (Pete), and Uncle (Chris)!!!
 Thank you for always being there for all of us!!!
 Happy Father's Day
 With lots of love and prayers- Delmundo, Damon, and Theo

 Trina Honwyte - Mingus Union High School - Class of 2018

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles,
 To the highest of your hopes,
 To the windows of your opportunities,
 And to the most special places
 Your heart has ever known.
 May the Lord continue to guide and protect you in the direction of your dreams and live the life you imagined.
 We're so proud of you sweetheart--
 We Love You Always-- From Godparents Nate & Tisha and your brothers.



Birthday greetings!!
 Happy Birthday Wishes to my Amazing Granddaughter Nancy "Guapa" Ruiz....
 Best wishes for a wonderful birthday and a year filled with happiness and good health. "Trust in the Lord

with all your heart and lean not to thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths".
 Enjoy your special day.....
 Love You
 Granny Nancy

To all Graduates of the Nation,

I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication for which you now receive recognition. And to all the proud parents, family members and friends of these graduates, I join you in celebration.

I heard a 2018 ASU Doctorial Graduate tell a humorous story with a very important point to all his fellow graduates. He said that when he was eight (8) years old, he asked his mom why they could not get "JIF" creamy peanut butter instead of the dry federal commodity peanut butter that tore apart the inexpensive bread they had. His mother said, "Son, we are American Indian and we always make the best with what we have." And she mixed some honey with the peanut butter and the result was nice and creamy peanut butter!

Vice Chairman Larry Jackson, Sr. with a student.

The point is, life will present you with many challenges and when they come your way, you have a choice, you can complain, leave it to others to find the answers or just not do nothing at all. Or you can meet those challenges head on and overcome them as our ancestors did . . . and who survived to ensure your future.

Thank you,
 Vice-Chairman Larry Jackson

To Our Dear Taylor,
 Congratulations on your 8th Grade Promotion, where did time go? We wish you continued success in high school and always strive to achieve your goals. We love you and we are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

With Love,
 Mom, Dad and Bub



Taylor Lewis-Moore

A message from mother:
 My baby girl Ariana Kealohilani Kaaekuahiwi will be graduating Mesa Community College tomorrow and I can't express enough how happy and proud I am of her for going away to college and achieving all that she is doing.

As a parent I can say that the accomplishments and successes of a child come with the help of many people throughout their lives. I want to thank Ana's teachers, coaches, mentors, YAN Nation Recreation Dept., YAN Nation Higher Education Dept., and our family and friends. You all have been there for her along the way to this very special time.

Ana will be continuing her education moving along the way to Tempe and attending Arizona State University in the fall majoring in Psychology. "Oh my

baby girl, seems like just yesterday you were in preschool

Mama loves you Ana
 Banana



Ariana Kaaekuahiwi



The Halsteads gather at the Beaver Creek School graduation to celebrate daughter Sierra's graduation and induction into the National Honor Society. Sierra is the granddaughter of the late Sam and Naomi Halstead of Middle Verde.