

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAN royalty Miss Tiny Tot Takada Martinez cleans up playground

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A community pageant was held back in February at the beginning of the year and the judges that evening selected 2 year old Takada Martinez of Yavapai-Apache Nation as the new reigning Miss Tiny Tot Girl Yavapai-Apache Nation.

This new role comes with the distinction of carrying on a goodwill ambassadorship for Takada. One of these responsibilities is to set a good example and to show pride. And what better way to do this than by going to one of the playgrounds on the Nation in the communi-

ty of Camp Verde where Takata and her mother, Angel Martinez and grandmother Rachel Aragon are picking up trash using gloves and rakes and sacking them up in plastic garbage bags.

Grandmother Rachel moves the rake around quickly gathering rubbish that have been discarded by careless individuals who have dropped empty pop cans and candy wrappers on the ground.

It's hard work cleaning up other people's messes.

"This is our first real big project we're doing. She likes to go to the parks but it's hard to bring her here where

there's glass and trash everywhere," said mother Angel. It's really a family affair as Angel talks softly to her daughter Takada who turns 3 years old in August. She will be attending the Montessori School in Middle Verde starting next month in August.

There is also another child in a child's safety seat on the picnic table nearby, 5 months old Ezuriah.

"We really don't see many kids at the parks. That's a really big safety hazard for the kids around this reservation playing in the parks with glass," she adds. Take a look across the playground and you can see the tiny small glitter of broken glass in the morning sun.

Takada gathers more trash from the heap that her grandmother Rachel has raked up and drops them into the black plastic bag that her mother is holding for her. By 10 a.m. the temperature starts to zizzle but the Martinez family keeps raking and picking up trash.

Takada's father, Donovan works for the Nation's housing department as a maintenance worker. But on weekends, the family

loads up for some distant place where Takada might join a parade of Indians sitting on some colorful blankets on the hood of a car as the car gently rolls down the street in front of spectators. This past spring Miss Tiny Tot Takada Martinez marched in the St. Patrick's Parade in front of hundreds of people downtown Sedona while representing the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

"We joined the elder's breakfast this past February at the new convention center at our casino, went to the Pai Gathering in Ft. McDowell, the Mesa Pow-Wow, the Child Abuse Awareness Conference and a powwow in Flagstaff," said Angel. For extra measure she added the ever popular Native American Appreciation Day at the Arizona Diamondback Stadium in Phoenix where Takada hob-knobbed with other royalty from other Nations and sat in the special guests boxes for VIPs.

To travel to these distant places requires money and most of the expenses are out-of-pocket done with fundraisers such as raffles.



Angel Martinez with daughter Takada, Miss Tiny Tot Yavapai-Aoache 2018.

This pays for the hotels and food at guest appearances representing the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Takada being royalty for the Nation brings with it additional learning experiences. "We're trying to get her to understand that she needs to be a leader, that she understands the importance -making sure the community is safe for the kids, for the adults and make this a better place," Takada's mother said.

Mother Angel's main concern is that she doesn't want her kids to fall into the pitfalls of negative forces such

as imbibing in alcohol. "You see these kids doing different types of drugs and drinking. It's because they don't have any support. They get caught up with the wrong people. We want her to be focusing on her culture and making sure she understands how important her culture is, contributing to her community and helping people that need help," said mother Angel.

Takada's great grandmother was the late Loretta Gibson Bates who went on to the spirit world in 2006.



Angel Martinez

Power Strips and Daisy Chains

The supply of readily available electrical outlets may be inadequate in some buildings, especially older ones. To meet power supply needs, extension cords or surge protectors/power strips are often interconnected, or "daisy chained", to readily provide more outlets and/or to reach a greater distances. Another common solution is to create a "mixed daisy chain", interconnecting extension cords and power strips.

Interconnecting these devices is an OSHA violation (29 CFR 1910.303(a)) because doing so can cause them to

become overloaded, leading to failure and possible fire. The most common locations where these violations have been noticed are in offices with computers and printers, but also in work areas where there is a lot of equipment operating. The most frequent uses are:

- Power Strip into Power Strip
- Power Strip into Extension Cord or vice versa
- Power Strip into USB or vice versa
- Multiple Extension Cords connected with or without Power Strips



Jim Simons-Safety Risk Manager
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never be plugged into an extension cord or power strip is high energy consumers that surge when they kick on or off, such as space heaters, compressors, refrigerators or air conditioners. These items can quickly compromise the safety of a cord and cause a fire or other electrical damage.

Unless a power strip is used for a computer or other peripheral equipment, extension cords are only allowed for temporary use. Under 29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2), temporary does not include used continuously in place of fixed



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Mocasque Family.



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