

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Native American night in Clarkdale

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From September 24, Monday night to Friday, September 28 a series of well-planned events were offered to the Nation's members, directed by Margie Campos, Public Relations Assistant Manager. Monday night started off with an evening packed with activities starting at 6 p.m. at the Clarkdale Community Center. That night, 3 activities

were offered: a buckskin sewing activity making a keepsake pouch out of buckskin. This tedious process involved cutting and stitching large beads on the outside of buckskin keepsake pouches in a circular fashion. The crafts person had a chance to select their own color of beads to sew on the pouch. About 10 people made the keepsake pouches within the allotted time. The Apache culture for the Nation also

conducted an activity whereby participants had an opportunity to design their own carrying bags using colorful Indian designed cloth and Native American designs on colorful paper to paste on the hand-carry small bag. No two designs turned out in the same identical manner.

The Yavapai Culture also brought an activity to make dream catchers on Devil's Claw, a desert plant that resembles a miniature ostrich with-

out legs. All it required was some creative processes to begin making a dream catcher within the bowed areas being covered by the colorful string assortments that made the traditional web designs inside of the Devil's Claw.

Special visitors from the Morongo Nation in Southern California were welcomed to the activity night.

An evening meal was served for all of the evening events.



Katherine Marquez (L) and Bobbi Jo Thomas of Clarkdale work on their keepsake bag.

## Employment training specialist on-board

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Dwayne Miller is the right person for taking over the reins of the WIOA (Work Innovation Opportunity Act-U.S. Department of Labor) program for the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Originally from Whittier, California, Mr. Miller brings with him the education, expertise, knowledge and practical on-the-job-experience working with placement of the unemployed into the work sector. This what the Yavapai-Apache Nation needs.

Mr. Miller attended California State University-LA where he played baseball for the school then went on to California State University in Fullerton where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. His formative years after graduation from college was pursuing employ-

ment opportunities in Washington state.

"I loved it there," he says about his time in southeast Washington state working in the correction facilities. It was here that he and his former wife had their 2 children.

Now, all grown up, Mr. Miller's 24 year old daughter graduated from the University of Texas in Dallas as a Speech Pathologist and does part-time modeling as well. The other child, a son, is in his 3rd year at the University of Texas at Austin pursuing an Architectural Degree.

Mr. Miller gained wide experience in the education, training and placement of inmates from the correctional facilities in Washington. "That is where I first got started in corrections in the Work Release program. Started a list and places they (inmates) could go to get jobs and



Dywane Miller

places that were known to hire our guys because they had felonies," said Mr. Miller about his work as quasi-trainer/work counselor.

After this, Mr. Miller moved to Louisiana where he found out that even professionals like himself could be discriminated against for working in the penal system helping inmates. He ended up substituting as a teacher in the

schools while looking for a solid job.

He relocated to Boosier City, Louisiana, home to a major B-52 Air Force Base. Undeterred, Mr. Miller took a Louisiana state employment test which garnered him 8 job interviews immediately.

"I was there for 3 years and then moved to Illinois to the town of Belvadiere/Roscoe next to Rockford, Illinois working with delinquent youth," Mr. Miller recalled his time working at the state prison.

Nearby is Woodstock where the movie 'Ground Hog Day' with Bill Murray was filmed according to Mr. Miller.

In 2004 he moved to Prescott from Illinois and has spent 13 years there and taught for 1.5 years in a charter school. With his college degree and teaching credentials, Mr. Miller taught P.E., health edu-

cation, technology classes and wood shop.

"I wanted to get away from the delinquent youth because working with them is hard work," said Mr. Miller. Interestingly, his Prescott teaching experience made him realize that delinquent youth that he had worked with in the past were more respectful than those students he taught in the public schools.

Mr. Miller's most recent professional stint has been 9 years with NACOG (Northern Arizona Council on Government) as a program specialist in his area of expertise-WIOA/Work Innovation Opportunities Act. Mr. Miller brought all of his transferrable skills and knowledge "from the other side (state prisons)" to WIOA. He also spent 1 year at the NACOG office in Cottonwood. NACOG

works on various issues and more notable is their annual weatherization program for elderly housing.

"I work with a lot of employers and give OJT because in WIOA you work with both sides-the employer and individuals," he said. Mr. Miller is well-versed in his line of work especially with writing resumes and placement of clients in the working environment.

With the advent of technology, Mr. Miller said that resumes have to be written so that they get the attention of employers. This means using key words so the application can be isolated quickly for job interviews.

Mr. Miller's office is located in the Human Resource Department office and the phone number is: 567-1062.

## Employees recognized for years of service to the Nation

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At a recent gathering for employees in Camp Verde, the YAN Administration recognized four individuals for their long extended service for the Nation.

Evelyn Turner who has been with the Senior Program for many years topped the award for 43 years.

Sharon Loring, who is employed in the Housing Department

has been with the Nation for 33 years. Next was Scotty Smith, Jr. for 19 years working at the Sand and Rock operations.

Finally, Ophelia Tewawina from the Day Care program who has been employed with the Nation for 15 years.

Frank Gia, another Nation member has been with the Nation for 19 years according to Jerry Piper, Manager of the Sand and Rock operations.



Evelyn Turner



Scotty Smith, Jr. accepts an award from Vice Chairman Larry Jackson.



Sharon Loring from Housing receives recognition.



Ophelia Tewawina has been with the Nation for 15 years.

### YAN recognizes long-term employees at the Nation's picnic.

15 years:  
Herbert Trujillo III  
Alde Jackson  
Bernadette Williams  
Milfred Tewawina  
Ophelia Tewawina  
Tonia Rebstein

20 years:  
Genevieve Bates  
Scotty Smith Jr.  
Lisa Sandoval  
Norma Bennett

30 & 40 years:  
Darlene Manuel - 38 years  
Arlana Loring - 37 years

Evelyn Turner - 43 years