

EDITORIAL/COMMUNITY NEWS

Yavapai-Apache Nation police dept. sets up temporary two-week office hours in Clarkdale

By DON DECKER
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From February 24 to March 4, the police department moved their primary operations to the old community center in Clarkdale. Its an experiment of sorts for the department to ascertain better services for the Clarkdale community, said Police Chief Jon Huey.

"The goal of this temporary

services available is to make our administrative services available to the Clarkdale community-which will help our Clarkdale community relations as well as having the ability to focus on trouble in that community," said Huey.

No police officer has been stationed in Clarkdale for regular office hours from 8-5 daily recently although there are daily patrols throughout the day.

The police department also state that the Clarkdale community center is used by officers on duty including 'swing,' 'grave yard' and 'day' officers for their report writing.

Depending on the 2-week experiment, the police department state that they may conduct the 2-week office hours on more frequent basis in Clarkdale.



Chief Jon Huey

What Are The Warning Signs For Suicide?

The following signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide.

The risk of suicide is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

If you or someone you know exhibits any of these signs, seek help as soon as possible by calling the Lifeline at :

1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself.

Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun.

Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.

Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.

Talking about being a bur-

den to others.

Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.

Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.

Sleeping too little or too much.

Withdrawing or feeling isolated.

Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.

Displaying extreme mood swings.

If someone is talking about harming themselves you can call for help.

Call 911

Call YAPD- 928- 567-7142 and afterhours CV Dispatch 928-567-6621

Crisis On Call Phone 928-301-0322

Crisis Line Spectrum 928-634-2236

A "Thank You" from Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio

I want to express a sincere thank you to all the individuals of the administration and to your families that have gone out and helped in the Exodus event.

It was a blessing day to see you all out.

Many of you volunteer your time and I know a lot of you are still not done as I write this email. (editor's note: Written during Exodus Day)

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all of your hard work, your strength of

dedication. Again my sincere thanks. You are all a true blessing.

This day could not end, without me saying how much I appreciate you all. Have a safe and beautiful evening; safe travels back home with family.

COMMEMORATES

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Roosevelt Dam and Payson) and the Spirit runners who started their run from the junction of State Route 87 and Highway 260 about 25 miles east of Camp Verde. The two groups of runners unified as one and ran into Verde Valley from the junction.

The marchers came into the parking lot of the cultural center that morning where the marchers danced up to the runners who were just arriving in the parking lot. Chairman Thomas Beauty of the Yavapai-Apache Nation gave words of encouragement and support to the participants, some of whom came from far away as Whiteriver, Cibicue and out of state as well.

And to the long distance runners Beauty said, "I want to say thank you again. I remember standing here 2 years ago and seeing the runners come over the hill—I got emotional and I cried. I did cry because in my mind of what they (ancestors) went through—the people that left us and they came back. That's why we're here today. Its not a celebration-it's a commemoration."

At the cultural center, songs were sung by both the Yavapai and Apache singers led by Bear and Cooley respectively. Not to miss an opportunity for a social and honor dance, the marchers and nearby spectators took the opportunity to dance and share a special moment.

Council woman, Annette Mendez who also ran with the Exodus runners from San Carlos to Camp Verde said, "I just want to thank all the runners. You don't think about all that we're able to do when we run from San Carlos to here. Just think of what we have today—and what our ancestors did not have. They actually walked all the way," said Mendez as she referred to the comforts of a van that followed them along the way with all the water they could drink. "So, that's one of the benefits we have to think about—what our ancestors had to endure-and they went there and they came back," she

added.

Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio thanked the runners as well and said that spirituality was important in the lives of the people. "I'm really proud to stand in front of you all-to represent all of you. As the chairman (Beauty) said, we are all Yavapai-Apache. Let's hear it! (with emphasis-crowd yells). Thank our ancestors and the Creator to take care of our people. HE (Creator) loves us and to take care of us. Teach your young to keep it in their hearts (to know) where they came from," said Rubio.

At the end of the cultural center gathering, the contingent of marchers and runners were led back to the event grounds by traditional singers. The march back to the event site signified the ultimate return of the Yavapai-Apache to Verde Valley at the turn of the century after 25 years of interment in old San Carlos under the guard of military soldiers.

Festivities

Under perfect weather conditions, a noon luncheon was offered to the public. The Nation had donated a steer for the event and was butchered by the recreation department 2 weeks before the event.

The menu was pleasing to everyone as traditional acorn stew and vegetable soup was made available as well as tortillas with organic beef that was cooked underground by the recreation department at the culture center by Darin Smith, Shaquille Watahomgie, Manu Hailame and Jacob Lewis.

Lorna Hazelwood, former council member now in the finance department who coordinated the cooking of the food, said that there was plenty of food left over at the conclusion of the event hours after the event. Other cooks for the event were Vice Chairwoman Darlene Rubio, Marley Juan-Miss Yavapai-Apache, Flora Sellers and her daughter Mina Eppinger and Nancy Guzman.

Other people involved with the meal was Monte and Karla Reimer and Nancy Ruiz.

Special entertainment and sharing of cultures

The afternoon presentations started with introductions of royalties from our Nation as well as other visiting royalties. Miss Indian Arizona Taylor Susan, a White Mountain Apache was also in attendance and spoke briefly to the audience.

The new Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation, Marley Juan greeted the attendees as well. Juan has reinstated the title since there was a brief absence of Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation for the 2015 year.

Students who came the farthest were the Cibicue Elementary School who brought traditional Apache entertainment and the school's crown dance group.

The Salt River Basket Dancers from the Phoenix area also participated and absent this year were the Ram Dancers from Havasupai. From the Yavapai-Apache Nation, gourd singers led by Troy Kaska and traditional Bird Dancers joined together to share their culture. Delmundo Cerepress, Apache singer, led the Lil' Warrior Dancers of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in some dances. This group is active in many community activities throughout Verde Valley.

Harold Kenton, San Carlos Apache medicine man, shared some traditional Apache songs that were sung in Camp Verde long ago said Kenton. Other performers included the Blue Stone Singers with Terrance "Yogi" Yazzie of Whiteriver, and a mountain spirit dance directed by Clay Walker of Whiteriver.

From the Navajo Nation in Cameron, James Peshlakai sang some traditional songs and told about the relationships between the Navajo and Apache. Peshlakai also has a CD to his credit under his name.

Arlin Carlton, Apache of Yavapai-Apache Nation emceed the cultural event in the afternoon. Carlton works within the substance abuse program for the Nation.

Event coordinator Margie Campos from the Nation's public relations department said that all of the activities were met with success and were meaningful to all involved.

RUN

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to the Junction of Highway 87 where they were met by the Spirit Runners who were waiting for them early Saturday morning.

The runners arrived on time to be met by the Exodus marchers from the event grounds at the Nation's cultural center where medicine people shared songs with community members and the runners.

Three of the Nation's council members participated in the Exodus run from San Carlos to the Nation: Annette Mendez, Rachel

Hood and Jaime Valles.

The following runners participated in the run:

Marvin Johnson, Xavier Thompson (9 year's old), Taloa Hood, Rhiannon Hood, Rachel Hood, Jennifer Hood, Laurie Stevens, Robert Chavez, Jaime Valles, Brandy Gyce, Adam Hines(13 year's old), Avery Hines(11 year's old), Daval Gyce, Savannah Sandoval, Tanya Lewis, Damian Baca, Michelle Ayala, Annette Mendez, and Alyious Beauty (17 year's old).

Driver's were Leroy Gibson, Tanya Lewis, Taloa Hood, Marvin Johnson, Jaime Valles and Annette Mendez.

CROWNED

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"They don't get a lot of encouragement. You need to be pushed and you have to want it," said Marley about her life goals.

Marley was also active in the culinary program in high school and participated in the Big Brother and Big Sister program helping youth. Marley said she helped an elementary girl in after-school programs.

Marley graduated from Camp Verde High School in 2012 and was employed in the WIA (Workforce

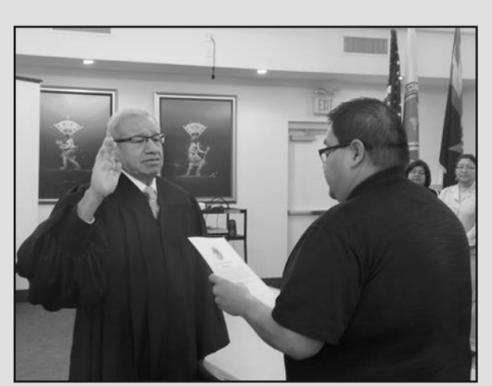
Investment Act) during the summers with the Nation.

Marley was also active in the National UNITY Native American youth group that has a chapter on the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Presently, she is a Johnson O'Malley tutor in the public schools working under Cindy Eaton, the Johnson O'Malley director for the Nation.

Marley has 2 other siblings, Bianca and McGrady and her grandmother is Angie Hazelwood and the late Ed Hazelwood.

The family make their home in Middle Verde.



Chairman Thomas Beauty administers the oath of office to Judge Anthony F. Little. (Photo by Don Decker)

Nation swears in new interim chief judge

By DON DECKER
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Chairman Thomas Beauty administered the oath of office to Judge Anthony F. Little on February 11. At press time on March 1, Judge Little was being interviewed for the permanent position of Chief Judge for the Nation.

Judge Little is a Lakota enrolled in the Rosebud Nation in South Dakota.

He has extensive experiences in law and was recent Associate Judge in Puyallup Nation in Tacoma for 2 years and prior to that, he was Chief Judge for 3 years at Ak-Chin community south of Phoenix. At Ft. Mohave, he was the sole chief magistrate for matters pertaining to the 3-state area where Nevada joins California and Arizona under Public Law 280. Public Law 280 is a complicated jurisdictional authority that has numerous overlaps of tribal, federal and state

laws.

Judge Little is a graduate of Arizona State University class of 1976

and began his work in the northwest for 2 years and returned back to the southwest representing the interests of the Pueblo and Navajo people. Little was Executive Director of Indian Pueblo Legal Services which later became the New Mexico Legal Aide.

Little is also a Vietnam Veteran and served with the 1st Cavalry Infantry Division in the mid-60s. This U.S. Army division is known by a yellow patch with a black horse's head and a black strip running diagonally on the patch. Little's wife is well-known Dr. Eunice Romero Little, from Cochiti Pueblo in New Mexico who is Associate Professor at Arizona State University's Indigenous Language Education and Applied Linguistics.

(Editor's note: more to follow on Judge Little in April issue)



Construction workers Joaquin Forestor (L) and Braulio Cruz set a concrete form for one of the apartments in preparation for a concrete pour. (Photo by Don Decker)

First concrete pad poured for apartment unit

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This day marks a historic moment as the first of the 38 units of the Tax Credit Unit #5 is literally being constructed as workmen place the first load of concrete on a cleared lot.

Sharie Benson, housing director, said that most of the infrastructure has been placed underground with APS coming in to place wires to each of the units when the walls go up in the coming weeks.

All the curbing has been completed and the first phase of the #5 Tax Credit is on its way with the first walls to be raised soon.

In April of 2015, the council broke ground for the new housing area that will consist of a mixture of triplexes, duplexes and single-family homes. In addition, a new community center will be built next to the new development.

Benson said this morning, that the 38 units will be done by August of this year and ready for occupancy.

The new construction will add another 40 units through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program under Tax Credit #6 which will fund the remaining units. Those units are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018.



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