

EDUCATION

Montessori goes to Africa

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The children, parents and our staff of the Montessori look forward to our annual fieldtrip to Out of Africa. There are three main reasons why we take an annual field trip to Out of Africa. First, all three classrooms study the continent of Africa during the academic year and one of the highlights of Africa is the beautiful mammals that live there. The field trip gives the children the opportunity to see these animals in person and learn more about them.

The children are always impressed when they first see the giraffes and how tall they are. They enjoy being able to get close to the giraffes and feed them during the Safari tour because giraffes do not have any teeth however zebras are there also but the children are not able to feed

them because they do have strong teeth. The second main reason is to teach awareness to the children and to teach them to care and protect all animals. The children learn specific information and the names of many of the animals that live there. This gives all of us a more personal connection to the animals. For instance, this year we were looking forward to visiting Lazarus, the lion that had a black mane but learned that he passed away and we were sad to hear that. We have become familiar with some of the animals. Lastly, and the main reason why we like to go is parent involvement. Every year we have an overwhelming amount of parent and family support for this field trip. We understand how important it is for children to have good positive experiences with their family and this is a great opportunity to create lasting memories.



Montessorri students get a first-hand view of Zebras at the Out of Africa Zoo in Camp Verde during a field trip.

Mingus Union High School and Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School students receive achievement certificates

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The Nation's council recognized student academic, attendance and sports achievement in the council chambers during a council meeting on April 21.

Counselors Shelley

Kitchen from Mingus Union High School and Rachel Jackson, counselor for the Clarkdale Elementary School awarded certificates of achievement.

In addition to the certificates, the council gave each student a movie pass.



Students with the red certificates are from Mingus Union High School. Students show their awards.



Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary stand with Rachel Jackson, JOM tutor from the school.

Adam Hines from Yavapai-Apache Nation takes kickboxing championship

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of Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Clifford Larson, coach of Adam, said that Adam Hines won the U.S. Muay Thai Open Tournament in Phoenix on April 24.

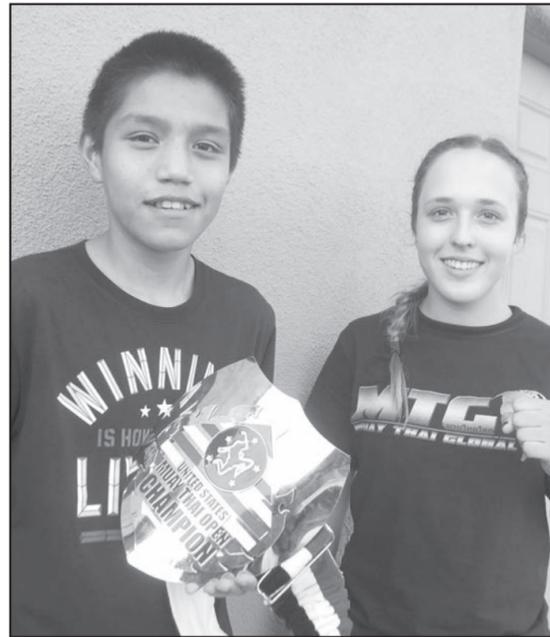
Hines continued from his Saturday fight onto to Sunday where he finally clinched the title as Champion in his fight category.

Hines attends the Camp Verde Middle School as a 7th grader and is the son of Dawn Beauty and Arvel Hines

Shayla Murdock of Camp Verde, another kickboxing trainee with Larson, also competed in the tournament and performed at her optimum according to Larson.

Larson says Murdock was eliminated due to competing with an experienced fighter who had 11 wins in the past.

The local kicking boxing team has plans to continue on into Iowa this summer according to Larson.



Adam Hines and Shayla Murdock in front of the Larson's Boxing studio in Camp Verde Tuesday eve.

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be confused with passive. For Beauty, oftentimes it means he has things on his mind.

"Joel is a very deep thinker about life," says Dan Wall, Beauty's math teacher. "He likes to go through the process of thinking. And he's able to articulate where he's coming from, which allows him to have deep conversation with students and staff"

Beauty, this year's 2016 Verde Champions Student of the Year, is planning for both his college and professional careers. Beauty says he plans to study political science and business at ASU, and hopes to then study law. Though poli-

tics, particularly Native American politics are important to him, Beauty wants to focus on the Native American civil rights as American citizens.

"Pops is more or less Native American politics, he says of his father. "For me, I do support Native Americans but it's more about Americans. Not all Native Americans claim to be Americans in general. They know that they are dual citizens, but they don't claim it."

Beauty says his father has been "a huge role model" in his life.

"He's done a lot, not just on a local level, but a national level, attending national events. It's heartwarming. The man went from nothing to something. He's

a big-hearted person. He does it because he knows it is right."

Though Beauty sees the similarities between him and his father, he also is tuned into the things he and his mother share. Such as the way they work.

"Our work ethic is the same," Beauty says about him and his mother Nadie. "She's very quiet. All work. She's like that worker bee."

In many way, Beauty is also a worker bee. Besides maintaining a 3.3 GPA, his high school career has included involvement in varsity golf, The Native American Club, Student Council, U.N.I.T.Y. Program, Generation Indigenous and Rez Kids for a Positive

Change. Mathews calls Beauty's community service schedule "remarkable."

"In each of these areas, he has learned cooperation, problem solving skills and creativity in a unique capacity outside of the school atmosphere," she says.

Beauty strives to build friendships both on a personal and professional level.

"I'm really good at making everybody comfortable, being the glue in connecting everybody, letting everybody be themselves," Beauty says. "It's not hard. People are people."

(Bill Helm is staff reporter of the Camp Verde Bugle)

