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Margie Campos, left, gets ready to present a special gift to Renee Gonzales, hero for saving little Takiya's life Sunday night, Oct. 4. (Photo by Don Decker)



Renee Gonzales acknowledged for heroism

By DON DECKER
YAN news

Just now, Renee Gonzales was honored in the council chambers for rescuing little Takiya Stuart, 8 1/2 month old baby, the daughter of Bethany Lowry and Jeremy Stuart of Middle Verde this past Sunday night.

Grandmother Margie Campos honored Renee with some gifts (a beautiful necklace and a blanket)

and expressing her appreciation for coming to the aid of the Takiya.

Little Takiya had stopped breathing and Renee performed the necessary resuscitation to restore normal breathing. Takiya was taken to the hospital in Cottonwood for further observation.

Renee spoke briefly about other instances of assisting families during these emergencies in the community as she is certi-

fied in CPR. CHR manager Linda Rocha also spoke about Renee's heroism in responding to emergency events in the community.

Baby's mother, Bethany read a statement and thanking Renee for her quick response Sunday night. Darlene Rubio, on behalf of the council, congratulated Renee.

Picture shows Renee being embraced by thankful mom, Bethany as father Jeremy stands nearby.

YAN police department acquires two new vehicles

By DON DECKER
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YAN officer Milfred Tewawina said through Police Chief Jon Huey's office, that their department purchased two new vehicles through the COPS Grant (Community Oriented Policing Services).

This special grant is provided through the U.S. Department of Justice which assists state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.

Since 1995, this department has assisted with over \$14 million in local assistance to police departments across the country.

Take a look inside of this vehicle and it has a place for telemetry communication devices which will give immediate feedback to police officers using computers.

Tewawina said that there are high hopes to install these computers in the near future.

For speed and mobility, the engines have high performance V6's and both pa-

trol vehicles that are "equipped with the newest high tech lights and sirens for better visibility and safety."

Tewawina shows pride in the new vehicle as he points out that the "back seats can transport prisoners with plenty of leg and head room. The seats are hard, made of durable plastic lining for a comfy ride to their desired destination."

The YAN police department know the importance of using the proper equipment to conduct police patrols for the communities.

Tewawina shows enthusiasm for the newly acquired patrol cars.

"The two new vehicles have been assigned to two of the Patrol Supervisors and with the help and support from (YAN) council and grant writers, we hope to purchase more in the near future for the rest of the police officers."



YAN police officer Milfred Tewawina shows off the newest addition to the Nation's police department. There are 2 new vehicles added to the police fleet though a special federal government grant. (Photo by Don Decker)

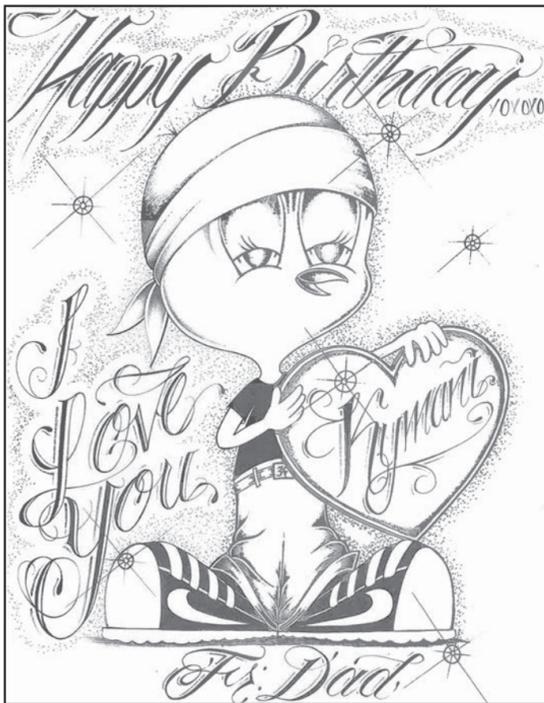
BIRTHDAYS

Lyman Irving

Happy 73rd Birthday to our great father Lyman Irving and continue to enjoy your retirement from B.I.A Law Enforcement Services, we the family greatly appreciated that you are still with us today.

Happy Birthday again from your lovely daughters and beloved grand kids who love there grandpa so much.

May God Bless you and many more to come.



Happy Birthday letter to the editor

Editor:

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, the Russell family celebrated Aaron Russell's 86th birthday with a luncheon at the Hotel at Cliff Castle Lodge.

I want to thank Chairman Beauty, Vice-Chair Darlene Rubio, Karla Reimer, and the Hotel staff, especially Olivia and Michelle for allowing us to celebrate my dad's birthday in the Sedona room.

My dad is an elder and has served the Yavapai- Apache Nation for over 40 years.

He has led our community as a former chairman, vice-chair, councilman, veteran, and businessman.

Lastly, happy birthday daddy ... thank you for living a legacy of love, faith, family, community service, and integrity.

Siera Russell

Araceli Mendez

Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter Araceli Mendez, you are a very strong and beautiful young woman.

I am very proud of you keep doing your best at everything. Have a wonderful day on your birthday October 26, 2015.

I want to send a huge Happy Birthday to my beautiful cousin, Desha Chicharello on October 20, 2015.

Have an awesome day Shay.

Wishing Robbie Gonzales a wonderful day on his birthday October 7, 2015.

Yavapai-Apache Nation's finally tally of votes on Sept. 19, 2015

- Andrea Chavez 24
- Nancy Guzman 105
- Lorna Hazelwood 106
- Robin Hazelwood 112
- Rachel Hood 122
- Robert Jackson 98
- Libby Johnson 48
- Lucinda 'Cindy' Nahee 123
- Roberta Quail 43
- Lillian Ross 63
- Maureen Sanchez 51
- Raymond Trujillo 104
- Jaime Valles 123

INDIAN WEEK

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skillet and the taster's choice confirmed her First Place award.

A craft night was held at the recreation center the same evening where the Montessori School staff brought 2 craft activities that got the community involved with making a "God's Eye" yarn weaving using crossed-sticks and a simulated rainmaking stick about 12 inches long with small seeds pouring around inside of the tubular "rain stick." The Apache culture department brought a miniature drum-making and miniature felt -boot making activity. Troy Kaska, Yavapai, taught miniature drum-making.

The craft night was a beneficial evening as different groups of families sat down together for an evening meal while working together on their crafts.

Finally, on Thursday night, a BBQ was held at the Middle Verde baseball field along with a showing of an outdoor movie set up on the field. With hamburgers and hot dogs being cooked by

Brian Marquez of the Wild Land Fire crew, there was plenty of food for everyone and more for 'take-home' plates for the community. Margie Campos, public relations assistant, who coordinated all of the week's activities, had free raffle give-aways to participants every night of the week at the respective communities where the events were held.

The elders of the Nation also received a special gift of the Nation's coffee mug with the seal and packed with various healthy snacks inside of the cup.

Friday morning, a community run was held directed by Laurie Kaaekua-hiwi, a Nation member, who facilitated the 2 mile run around the neighborhood of Middle Verde.

Runners of all ages and experience level took part in the run which culminated with the award of a commemorative t-shirt marking the occasion for each runner. Many of the Nation's members simply walked in the fun-run and some pushed baby strollers around the course.

The same morning after the morning run, a parade

began at 9 a.m. in Middle Verde with Roger Wathogoma as the Grand Marshal for the parade. Wathogoma, a decorated Vietnam War veteran with a Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart in 1966, was greeted along the parade route by community members.

There were approximately 7 floats in the parade with some vehicles that were simply covered with Indian-designed blankets while other floats were highly decorated, intricate and embellished with colorful artwork. The Nation's Agriculture Department had a fall-harvest themed float with corn stalks and field-grown vegetables from the Nation's farm that were strategically placed on their float as children sat on bales of hay wearing orange colored t-shirts.

The Nation's council also had their float as they rode through the community sitting on bales of hay as they tossed out candy and multi-colored t-shirts emblazoned with the Nation's logo on the back.

It was a perfect day for a parade as the temperatures were mild.

Local history trivia

By VINCENT RANDALL
Apache culture director/YAN

- Did you know ...
- 1 ...that in 1966, the Yavapai-Apache Nation had one paid employee, Wesley White, the ditch walker.
 - 2 ...that most of the People (YAN) have English surnames because our People at San Carlos (1875-1900) got matched up with a soldier's name who was stationed there.
 3. ...that prior to receiving English surnames, our People had numbers like MA#1, MA#2 (MA=Mohave Apache) or TA#1, TA #2 (TA=Tonto Apache) because they could not write our Indian names.
 4. ...that up until 1960, our YAN adults spoke each other's language fluently regardless of being Apache or Yavapai.
 5. ...that the late Moody Bonnaha pitched in the first little league games in Arizona for the Clarkdale team. The league consisted of Clarkdale, Jerome, Iron King (Humboldt), Prescott and are the first official little league teams in Arizona.
 6. ...that pop-over (AKA frybread) dipped in canned tomatoes was a delicacy of our YAN elders as a meal.
 7. ...that Charles Bonnaha was selected to the 1956 Arizona High School All-State Football Team playing for the Mingus High School Rams.
 8. ...that the first Baptist sermon in the territory of Arizona was preached by Pastor Bristow under a cottonwood tree near the present administration building.