

# OPINION / COMMUNITY

## Message from the Chairwoman....

### Tribal Members,

Greetings from the Chair and Vice-Chairman and wishes for a good Spring. With Spring come high-running creeks, returning birds, flowers, allergies..... AND Per Capita distributions! This year, distribution will take place in April, date to be announced. If you have changed addresses, please contact enrollment with those changes. (928) 649-6943.

Enrollment reports that we currently have 2451 members. There are 1691 Adults, age 18 and older. Approximately 745 live on the reservation and approximately 946 reside off the reservation. There are 850 members age 17 and younger. Approximately 437 reside on the reservation and 413 live off.

A Community Directory

will soon be distributed with phone numbers, addresses and services available to Tribal members. The directories will be sent to all Tribal households. A Year-End report will also be sent to Tribal Members.

The Student Clothing Allotment department supplies funds for clothing and some school supplies each year. Every school age, enrolled child is entitled to the funding. The disbursements are made twice a year, in January and July. So far in 2017, a total of 557 students have been helped. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Wathogoma at (928) 567-1056.

A study to determine appropriate salary ranges for Tribal Employees is being undertaken in the meantime, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

reduced their salaries by \$50,000 and \$35,000 respectively.

Tribal Council Work Meetings continue to be held frequently each week as well as Tribal Council meeting on Thursday. Council is reviewing policies and procedures, starting with the Domestic Violence and Juvenile Codes and will eventually review all codes. As directed by the constitution, The Council continues to oversee all Tribal enterprises and a report of the enterprises will be included in the year-end report. They continue to review our land uses and continue to work towards a water settlement with the State of Arizona. Questions can be directed to the Chairwoman or Vice-Chairman at (928) 567- 1021.



Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki

## New grant writer onboard

BY DON DECKER,  
YAN News

Laurie Stevens, Nation member, is the new grant writer who will be working with Robert Mills, another grant writer for the Nation. Her new position begins March 20.

Ms. Stevens was with the Camp Verde School district for 8 years at South Verde High School and at the district's Title VII office where she



Laurie Stevens named new grant writer.

was responsible for the grant's activities monitoring the grant, writing the annual Title VII grant and coordinating various educational activities for the district at all grades levels.

"It's a new challenge to be an asset to the Nation and I'm looking forward to it. This is a great opportunity that I could not pass up. It's like a step up to use my skills in this position," said Ms. Stevens.

Ms. Stevens spent 8 years with the Cliff Castle Casino Human Resource Department from 1999 to 2007 as employment coordinator.

Robert Mills, the Nation's grant writer said that Ms. Stevens's addition will be beneficial to the Nation. "I'm excited to have her onboard. This will increase the amount of work (in seeking funds) and increase

funding from grants," said Mr. Mills.

When Ms. Stevens is not working at her regular employment, she is an avid cross-country runner traveling to various places in the southwest to participate in marathons.

Ms. Stevens's new office will be located behind the HR department's office in the trailer.

### In appreciation—

The Honwytewas of the Yavapai-Apache Nation would like to express our deepest appreciation, respect and gratitude for the invitations, lodging, meals and hospitality shared for all who came to the Nation's Exodus commemoration:

YA Nation, Chairwoman Jane Winiecki, Vice Chairman Larry Jackson, Sr., the Exodus Committee, Cliff Castle Casino Hotel, all dignitaries, Vivian Stevens of the Nation's EPA department, Margie Campos and Don Decker of the P.R. Department, YAN's UNITY Youth, Apache Nation's Crown Dancers, all the runners, Hopi Mission School Youth Dance Group, Hopi Nations from Shungopavi Village Dance Group and the Honwytewa Family for preparing and setting meal, Sunday for Hopi guests and families. In honor and respect for their blessings and safe journey home..."Hahnn-ihgm, "Hahnni", " Usqsuali, "Kwa-Kwai".

With respect,

Marv Honwytewa  
Middle Verde-Yavapai-Apache Nation.

### Notice from the Editor:

#### /Receive newspaper on-line

If you would like to receive the Nation's newspaper online please submit an e-mail address with your name and the last 4 digits of your identification number for verification.

The advantage with email is that you would receive the newspaper a week earlier than the hardcopy which is sent by surface mail.

In addition, it is a huge savings on the postage of mailing the newspaper plus not to mention the fact that you could read the paper anywhere and share the pages if you would like.

Finally, you would receive immediate updates of news breaking news from the Nation.

Submit your authorization to: [ddecker@yan-tribe.org](mailto:ddecker@yan-tribe.org)

YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION

# Earth Day Celebration

"One Earth, One Chance. Preserving the footprints our Ancestors Walked."

**SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**Veterans Memorial Park**  
located below  
Cliff Castle Casino Hotel  
I17 | Exit 289

- ◊ Live Entertainment!!!
- ◊ Educational Booths!!!
- ◊ Raffles & Giveaway's!!!
- ◊ Free T-shirts!!!
- ◊ Nature Hike!!!

Join us as we come together in Celebration of Earth Day by networking and sharing with local green business's and groups that provide green solutions and services for the community.

For vendor information or any other questions call or email Vivian Stevens at (928) 649-6952 [vstevens@yan-tribe.org](mailto:vstevens@yan-tribe.org)


