

COMMUNITY EVENTS

YAN represented at Diabetes Conference

By Robin Hazelwood
YAN Diabetes Coordinator

The YAN Diabetes Awareness & Prevention program attended the 19th Annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference held in Mesa, Arizona on February 12-15, 2017. The YAN Diabetes Program sponsored five community members and one CHR to attend the conference. The participants were LeAnn Smith, Gertrude Smith, Sharon Loring, Troy Kaska and CHR Suzette Dawdy.

Everyone attended breakout sessions of their choice and learned about Diabetes, Prevention and

Wellness, Nutrition and Healing. A Healing Circle was offered every evening after the main sessions. There were many different breakout sessions to attend that everyone went to different sessions and then that was our discussions at dinner time.

Everyone participated and had a great time during motivational speaker Steve Saffron who spoke about "The Power of a Positive Attitude".

This Diabetes Conference is held yearly and sponsored by the American Indian Institute of The University of Oklahoma.



Le Ann Smith (L) joins Sharon Loring from housing, Suzette Dawdy-CHR, Gertrude Smith-Yavapai Culture Dept. and Troy Kaska, artist, to accept their certificates of completion.



Penny Smith, the daughter of the late Ted Smith, Sr. and Ruth Smith shovels soil into wheel borrow. Her and son, Darin will share a raised garden box.



Suzette Dawdy attacks the weeds with intensity.

A community garden with a history: Vincent Randall blesses the ground

BY DON DECKER,
YAN News

Apache elder, historian and director of the Nation's Apache Culture Department offered a special dedication during a morning ceremony at the community garden on April 21.

Mr. Randall shared his recollection of the historical significance of the location of the garden since he grew up in the area and knows the significance of the land where the garden is located. The community garden is plotted right next to the homestead of the late Wesley and Dorothy White and to this day this land has been the site of various garden activities over the years. This year was special as the land was dedicated to the original owners of the land-the Whites.

Mr. Randall recalled the traditional farmers of the area during the 40s and 50s and ticked off names like Harrington Turner, Sr. Roy Datsi, Sam Pattea and Billy Smith just to name a few. "They were the spiritual leaders, powerful leaders who exemplified

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Vincent Randall completes the dedication with a ribbon-cutting ceremony as Linda Rocha looks on.

STUDENTS

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of a special green leaf plant that was given out

by the tour guide at the beginning of the safari.

Students and their parents were treated to luncheon "with the works" of sandwich-

es and a drink after the tour.

This trip has become one of the more popular field trips conducted by the Montessori School.



Father Shaq Watahomigie takes special time to visit Out of Africa with daughter.



YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
UTILITY DEPARTMENT

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST!

The purpose of this contest is to design a logo representing Clean, Safe Drinking water and maintaining our Sewer Collection and Wastewater Treatment Systems for a Healthy Environment that is vital to our Community.



- LOGO CONTEST WILL BEGIN ON EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2017. YOU CAN PICK UP ENTRY FORMS AT UTILITY BOOTH
- Entry Forms will be available at Administration Building, Utility Office, Housing Office, and Clarkdale Learning Center
- Submit design by Friday, June 30, 2017 by 5:00pm to Administration front desk or Utility Department
- Winner will receive \$100 !!
- Winner will be announced on Friday, July 14, 2017

RULES FOR LOGO CONTEST

- Must be an enrolled tribal member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Must be at least 15 years old or older Must complete official Entry Form
- One entry per person
- Must be the original work of entrant
- Logo design to be drawn in a 3 to 6 inch circle
- Must be created on poster board and drawn with crayons, colored pencil markers (simple)
- Must pertain to the Utilities such as Drinking water, Treatment, Distribution Wastewater Collections and Treatment Systems.
- Explain design in a short simple paragraph
- Must be submitted by 5:00pm, Friday, June 30, 2017 to the Front Desk at Administration or Utility Department By submitting an entry all entries will become property of the YAN Utility