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Quenching thirst: "Fountain of Youth" restored

Montessori students say "thank you"!

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No more hiking back to the classroom to get a swig of water after playing hard on the playground.

"The kids are super happy," stated Merika Bach, manager of Montessori School.

And fortunately, the water fountain is now working after laying dormant for a loOOong time (Like 5 years). "Thank you, Felipe Ruiz for fixing the water fountain at the park," added Merika.



Lots of excitement for the fixed water fountain.

Yavapai-Apache Nation TERO Office to graduate building trades trainees

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September 7, Friday, will mark a special day for a few members of the Nation who will be graduating with a special recognition event to be held at the Tunlii Community Center. For the past 16 weeks these

building trades specialists have learned many aspects of the construction trades by building the new office building for the Utility Authority Office located in Tunlii.

Brian Kelley, TERO coordinator for YAN said that this program which was taught through the Gila Pueblo

Community College in Globe, will honor the graduating class with completion certificates. In addition, the trainees have now earned college credit for their participation in the program according to Mr. Kelley. Each graduating builder will receive a resume and

portfolio to present when they apply for work in the future.

This unique program gave the student-trainee to learn all aspects of erecting a building. From the foundation up to the roof, the students survived through the hot Arizona sun daily as they poured

and roof system, ran the wires through the office building and completed the roof system.

The Arizona Department of Transportation had a key role in the project as well by paying for the tuition and recognize

the Nation's project as one of their key training sites for potential workers who may find work along highway projects in the future.

The September 7 event will begin at 4 p.m. inside of the Tunlii Community Center.



Key person include Corey Foster, far left, from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Michael Pastor of Gila Pueblo College, instructor Simon Yoder, Dr. Stephen Cullen of Gila Pueblo and Brian Kelley, TERO of the Nation.



TERO class finishing concrete.



Trainees line up for a group photo this morning July18.



Rebecca Sellers uses a table saw to cut lumber pieces for the crew.

The following trainees will be recognized on September 7:
Michael Kewanimptewa, Sydney Lewis, Jonathan Pike, Patrick Romero, Rebecca Sellers, Anthony Trujillo, Amber Whathogoma.