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YAN youth learn food making

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Tisha Classay Ibarra taught YAN children the fine art of making 'Tamale choo' ('Big tamale' in Apache)) at the recreation department during Indian Week. This activity was sponsored by the Rec. Department.

Making Tamale choo' is labor intensive as it requires beef jerky that is pounded on a stone and placed into a flour paste (dumpling of sorts) and then boiled in plain water. The jerky filling can also be spiced up with chlli peppers and chopped onions for added flavor according to Apache culture spe-

cialist Barbara McCabe.

Tamale choo' can be considered a highly desired food dish at an Apache social gathering such as a ceremony.

Vincent Randall, Apache culture director said that in the old days, instead of using flour, corn cake was made to wrap the deer jerky. In Apache, jerky is spelled ii-chi'isskah.

The YAN children had an opportunity to receive hands-on instruction from Mrs. Ibarra. In addition, Mrs. Ibarra gave a detailed description of how jerky was made long ago through the use of photo illustrations.

Mrs. Ibarra, who is



Making Apache Tamale choo



Tamale choo wrapped.

originally from the San Carlos Apache Tribe, is married to Nathan Ibarra from the Nation and reside here on the Nation. Mrs. Ibarra is employed at the Nation's Gaming Office

as Machine Compliance Specialist.

Mariah Turner who is employed as Temporary Coordinator of the ropes course within the recreation department, organized this cultural event.

"The kids really liked it—they were very excited," said Ms. Turner.

Ms. Turner said future plans include a drumming making class to be taught by Nathan Ibarra. Jim Simons, Safety

Risk manager who is interested in the Yavapai-Apache culture, attended the food making event and said that the children liked the food. "Healthy food choices were provided. The kids really enjoyed the fresh carrots, celery and cucumbers," he said.

Drake Smith and Nathan Ibarra, traditionalists from the community, also assisted with the activity.

Miss YAN Tina Tot Takada Martinez participated in the workshop activity as well.

All photos by Mariah Turner.



Nathan Ibarra teaches the children some songs.



Children take a moment for a photo.

Senior traditional fashions during Indian Week *Tunlii Center packed out with community members*

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With over 80 people attending the evening Senior Traditional Fashion event, 6 ladies participated in a fun-filled evening by showing their best traditional clothing. Margie Campos, Public Relations assistant and Alexia Eswonja, senior event coordinator brought out the best in the contestants.

Senior participants were Edith Honwytewa, Katherine Marquez, Sylvia Wilson, Debra Telese, Priscilla Lewis and Reba Franco. Judges were Martin Loretto, Beth Lowry and Bernadine Valenzuela.

After the judges marked their scoring cards which were shown publically, two ties sprang up in the tally. Sylvia Wilson and Reba Franco, who are sisters, scored the same "30"



Katherine Marquez, elder contestant spoke about the importance of language. She is former director of the Yavapai Culture Department.

while two more contestants, Priscilla Lewis and Debra Telese scored the same "28".

An additional set of questions were asked about the individuals tying for the 1st and 2nd place categories.

Ms. Campos rounded out the ties with a ques-

tion about how the contestants would maintain culture and language for the Nation's members.

Reba Franco was chosen First Place, Second Place to Priscilla Lewis and finally, Third Place to Edith Honwytewa

Priscilla Lewis is Apache and original-

ly from the Rimrock community and her sister was the late Betsy Randall who was married to the late Everett Randall. Mrs. Lewis is employed by the Cliff Castle Casino.

Reba (Lewis) Franco is from the Clarkdale community and is Yavapai-Acoma-Pueblo. Mrs. Franco is the sister to Sylvia Wilson of Clarkdale. Mrs. Franco is married to Hector Franco for the past 40 years and they have 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mr. Franco is employed at the Cliff Castle Casino.

Mrs. Franco was born in Jerome and her father was Tommy Lewis, a Yavapai who worked in the mines and her mother was Guadalupe Sandoval from Acoma-Pueblo in New Mexico.

Edith Honwytewa is Hopi-Yavapai and her mother was Marion



Special center pieces by Day Care staff.

Whagado and father was Lewis Honwytewa. Mrs. Honwytewa has several grandchildren, brothers and sisters and a daughter, Amanda Honwytewa who is a new council member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

All of the community members were fed a taco dinner. The center pieces made by the Day Care Center staff accen-

tuated the table tops and provided for good conversation. The center pieces had a realistic cradle board and a flickering candle (by battery) that back-lit some miniature historical photographs that were decoupage on the small glass container.

This festive event was one of the main highlights of Indian Week.



Debra Telese stated she was getting ready for a social dance.



Judges for senior event (L to R) Martin Loretta, Beth Lowry and Bernadine Valenzuela.



Visitors to event