

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNITY conference met with success

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YAN

Since the U.N.I.T.Y (United Native Indian Tribal Youth) was re-established after a brief lull, a weekend conference which began on September 7, Friday and ended on Saturday afternoon, attracted over 63 youth and parents of the community.

Jeri Brunoe of Warm Springs, Oregon is a motivational speaker for youth and shared the activities with YAN youth during this time. On Saturday, parents of the community had an opportunity work on some activities as a group.

Next door, at the conference, the youth worked with Gila River Pima Kyle Flores (a stu-

dent at Ft. Lewis College in Colorado) and Deja Jones (Jeri's daughter) on some interactive activities which gave the youth special set-aside time to get to know each other. At the end of the conference on Saturday, the youth brought in the results of one activity which matched the activities for the parents. This gave all of the participants to find out more about the concerns and issues affecting the community and its social organization.

Parents also gained valuable experiences about parenting skills.

As a bonus and by serendipity, famous Navajo landscape and portrait photographer Leroy DeJolie visited with the youth Saturday morn-



YAN youth workshop participants take a group photo.

ing during breakfast. Mr. DeJolie is a regular Arizona Highways pho-

tographer and is well known world-wide.

The conference was coordinated by the spon-

soring parent group for U.N.I.T.Y. and U.N.I.T.Y. coordinator Leona Wathogoma and youth

advisor Olivia McMahon.

YAN News photos by Don Decker



Jeri Brunoe, Native workshop presenter speaks to the community about youth's participation.



It's important to engage youth in dialogue.



Colonel's Daughter Shana Hawkins of Camp Verde (L). She is the daughter of Mary Phelps and James Sealey of Camp Verde (for Ft. Verde Days) and Miss Yavapai-Apache Teen Taylor Lewis-Moore. Taylor is the daughter of Trapper Moore and Tanya Lewis of C.V.

Miss Teen YAN Taylor Lewis-Moore attends Cliff Castle Casino event in October for the Bullarama held at the Stargazer Pavilion.

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Taylor Lewis-Moore, Miss Teen Yavapai-Apache Nation 2018-2019 visited with her counterpart Shana Hawkins who was chosen as Colonel's Daughter for the annual Ft. Verde Days event during the outdoor bull riding contest.

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that serves as the cornerstone for establishing a world view for the students. Montessori school director Merika Bach who

also supervised the activity said that the "stone soup story exists as a moral regarding the value of sharing". Thank you Montessori students and staff members!

Home at the ranch

Day Care Center enjoy the fall season

It's a perfect time to enjoy the fall season by visiting the pumpkin patch at the Clover Leaf Ranch. The Ranch is located 2 miles southwest of the administration building across the Verde River.

Day Care assistant Bernadine Valenzuela said they did some arts and crafts, "went to see the horseys, the cows, the chickens (Old McDonald had a farm!) geese and

two turkeys. "There was a rogue bumble bee landing on the teachers but we ran away," she said.

Some of the older Day Care children went with the Montessori students to the Mortimer Pumpkin Patch in Dewey that morning.

Photos by Yolanda Trujillo, Agriculture Resource Dept. coordinator



Day Care Center Coordinator Ophelia Tewawina (L) with staff members and children gather for a Pumpkin Harvest.Care

Miss Indian World, Taylor Susan stops in for a visit

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On Wednesday, October 31, Miss Indian World 2018 Taylor Susan, 25, visited the Yavapai-Apache Nation along with her father Lloyd Susan. Taylor was crowned Miss Indian World 2018 this past April in Albuquerque and was also Miss Indian Arizona for a year in 2015. During that time, she participated in 2 public events on the Nation.

Taylor was on the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program and spent a year in Grenoble, France as well.

And to top that off, in 2014, she was Miss Native American University of Arizona.

Taylor's mother is a Walker Paiute Nation member. Taylor is part

White Mountain Apache, has an older sister and a younger sibling, a brother who attends Northern Arizona University as a broadcast-journalism major.

Talent abounds in the family as her brother has just completed a novel which has been published and currently being marketed.

Taylor is a 2018 graduate of University of Arizona with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis in Law-Public Policy as well 2 minors, one in theater and the other in chemistry.

Taylor was featured in a story in the Nation's



Vice Chairman Jackson, Taylor Susan and father Lloyd in council chambers on Wednesday.

paper after she won her current title this past spring.

Taylor's 'Thank You' visit to the Nation was a quick stop "to say hello," said her father, Lloyd. The Nation supported her candidacy for the title.