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## Nation members participate in Indigenous People's March in D.C.

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Washington, D. C. was the sight of a large demonstration which occurred on January 18, Friday during the (IPM) Indigenous People's March. Video shows snow-covered lawns on the

mall of Nation. Some of the familiar streets the group crossed on was Constitution and Independence Avenue, two major avenues in the capitol.

The day created a tense situation when a student from a Catholic high school in Kentucky had a confrontation

with a native elder in front of the Lincoln Memorial the same day as the IPM march. The high school students had been in Washington to support the March for Life activities the same day as the IPM.

The previous day, on January 17, the annual national Women's



Opal (2nd from left) and Apphia (3rd from left)



In front of Lincoln Memorial

March was held.

Opal Boyer, daughter of Veronica Boyer Smith (and niece of both Vivian Smith Stevens and Vonda Smith) and YAN resident Apphia Shirley participated in the Indigenous March which began at the Department of Interior that morning and

continued out to the Lincoln Memorial.

The march organizers stated that the march was "to stand together and bring an awareness to the global injustices affecting indigenous people in all of the western hemisphere" which includes missing indigenous women in many

nations across America. There were hundreds who participated in this national-international march.

Boyer is employed in D.C. and has been living there for four years now.

Photos submitted by Opal Boyer.

## Nation runners participate in RunSedona Marathon

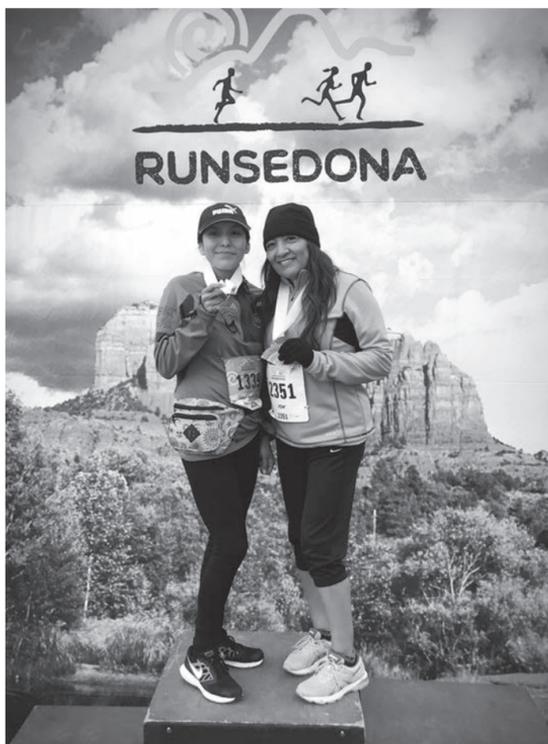
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Laura Wathogoma of Middle Verde and family members participated in RunSedona marathon on February 2, Saturday. The annual 15th Annual RunSedona Marathon draws many people from across the country and the marathon is considered a must for many dedicated runners.

"We completed the RunSedona together. We had family support there as well. Natasha's daughter, Taylor, Albert and my daughter, Kawena, grandson and granddaughter—we had a great time," stated Laura.

With overcast skies, cool air and the absence of rain, this was a perfect weekend for the run.

Over 3200 runners ran in the 5-10K run and the 13.1 mile marathon



Natasha Wathogoma and Laura.

for a worthy cause that funds many non-profits in the area.

The run began from West Sedona near the

Urgent Care Center off of 89A and went eastward to the Dry Creek Road turn off and then north. Along Dry Creek



Starting point for the RunSedona.

Road, the runners were met by large groves of pinyon trees and further up, Chimney Rock on the right and the west end of Thunder Mountain.

Boynton Canyon is 2 miles further to the west

from this viewpoint.

At the half mark, runners returned back on the same highway but in the opposite lane.

"I would like to thank the diabetes program (Robin Hazelwood) for your continuous sup-

port and sponsorship," added Laura.

Laura has also participated in other national runs in Wyoming, Colorado, Page, New Mexico and Phoenix marathons.

Courtesy photos

## YAN elders steamed up about chair volleyball

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On Wednesday and Thursday, starting January 9 at 11 a.m. about 10-12 seniors set

up a regulation volleyball net used in 'Chair volleyball' along with some steel folding chairs at the Rec Center. Throw in some orange rubber cones to mark

the corner boundaries and you're good to go.

The rules are simple. Get the ball over the net and you can hit the rubber ball three times to get it over the



Priscilla Lewis launches a large soft cushioned air ball.



Going for the return. Willie Hood tries for the impossible--and returns the ball!!

net. The game goes up to 15 points and servers are rotated based on scoring. After 2 sets of games, the players switch sides.

These 'elders' or 'seniors' are not neophytes. They've played volleyball somewhere before such as high school or out at family

gatherings. The game is very energized and exciting unlike boring college or high school

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