

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yavapai College visit Yavapai-Apache Nation in Tunlii

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Representatives from Yavapai College campuses in Prescott and Clarkdale visited with interested students at the Tunlii Community Center to meet prospective students. There were 4 students still in high school in at the meeting. In addition, currently enrolled students from Yavapai-

Apache Nation attending the college were present.

Fabian Chagolla, a home-school student from the Yavapai-Apache Nation who stated that he is home-schooled plans to enter Yavapai College's core nursing program and eventually enroll at Northern Arizona University's Nursing program.

Chagolla was a wres-

tlar in high school, a national champion at Camp Verde High School and was working with the New Breed Wrestling. He had the misfortune of breaking his neck in a wrestling meet 2 years. He is standing very tall this day of the meeting and walking normally. He lost interest in wrestling and started attending church. He gives thanks to God he says and he



Cristian Sandoval of Clarkdale is a computer technology major at Yavapai College in Prescott.

has strong convictions for his beliefs.

Michael Sine, another Nation's member was in attendance to receive information. Sine is considered an older student and wants to transfer classes from Yavapai College to Northern Arizona University.

Lisa Sandoval, higher education coordinator for the Nation arranged this one-day meeting. Mrs. Sandoval spoke about the importance of filling out the necessary paper work for financial aid since the report goes to her finally for consideration of getting

a scholarship from the Yavapai-Apache Nation. "Tribal members are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 annually. "What would it take for our tribal members to get a degree?" she asked.

A good source for on-line career planning and assistance is 'Catch the dream.org'.

Mrs. Sandoval said over 800 students have attended higher education ever since the higher education scholarship was instituted. Prior to the Nation receiving funds generated from the casino to generate its programs, the Nation worked closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Phoenix area office to pay for YAN scholarships.

Some of the topics covered were the various educational degrees that were offered. Some of these programs are offered through a certificate program that doesn't require a long extended study unlike the two-year programs for an associate or applied science degree. Some of these short cer-

tified program are in the areas of business.

Three members of the Native American Club from the Prescott campus came to visit the students and gave a first hand account of what the club does for activities and what each of the Native American student is studying, providing tutoring to fellow Native students on campus and each student's plans for further education.

There are about 50 active members of the club and they meet one hour each week.

Some of the other attributes of attending Yavapai College is anyone over 65 years old gets a 25% discount on their college tuition.

The ultimate offer starting this coming fall of 2019 is that anyone completing a 2 year degree can get a tuition refund for each semester spent at Yavapai College!



Favian Chagolla, Vincent Hood (c) looks on with Yavapai College rep Kelley O'Brien from Yavapai College financial aid office at Prescott campus who is Indian club sponsor. Yavapai College recruiter Santana Alvarado is on the right.

Council members visit beef plants in Chino Valley, Arizona

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Yolanda Trujillo, the Nation's Agriculture Department Coordinator and some members of the Nation's council visited a meat processing plant that features high-end gourmet beef that is usually sold to fine restaurants.

This company called the Arizona Grass Raised Beef Company in Chino Valley is making an impact in the sales of gourmet beef by processing and packaging fine meat for fine dining restaurants.

Another place they visited was two farms nearby Morten Farms and Plowing Away to see their operations.

The Nation has leased land 10 miles southeast of Camp Verde where some 130 head of cattle graze on natural grass on Bald Mountain where Cherry Road turns off to Prescott. The Nation leases 15,000 acres of land where the cattle range.

Ms. Trujillo is investigating the possibilities of marketing of ranch-fed meat using one of the packing facilities nearby which will pack-

age the beef.

"We are looking at Robbie's Restaurant in Rimrock as a test market. We were also in Chino Valley to see how we could generate revenue (from packaged beef sales). We were told (in Chino Valley) that if we left the middle man out, we could make more money (selling ranch fed beef to fine restaurants)," said Ms. Trujillo. "Dusty Trammel (Nation's Ranch Superintendent) said we could make more by selling our beef at our convenience markets (Chevron and

Market Place) since our range fed cattle would generate more returns," she added.

The selling point behind processing the Nation's cattle is that the animals are fed grass and grain. There are no hormones in the meat.

With the seal of the

USDA on packaged beef from the Nation, it would help in the marketing of the beef as well.

Ms. Trujillo said that the normal practice is to sell calves on the hoof but that only generates small amount of revenue for the Nation.

Ms. Trujillo said her department is now in the process of selecting a company that will conduct the local USDA food study to ascertain the market viability of the Nation's beef.



Tribal council members (L) Nancy Guzman, Genevieve Datsi and Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki listen to a presentation about beef packaging. Photos by Yolanda Trujillo.

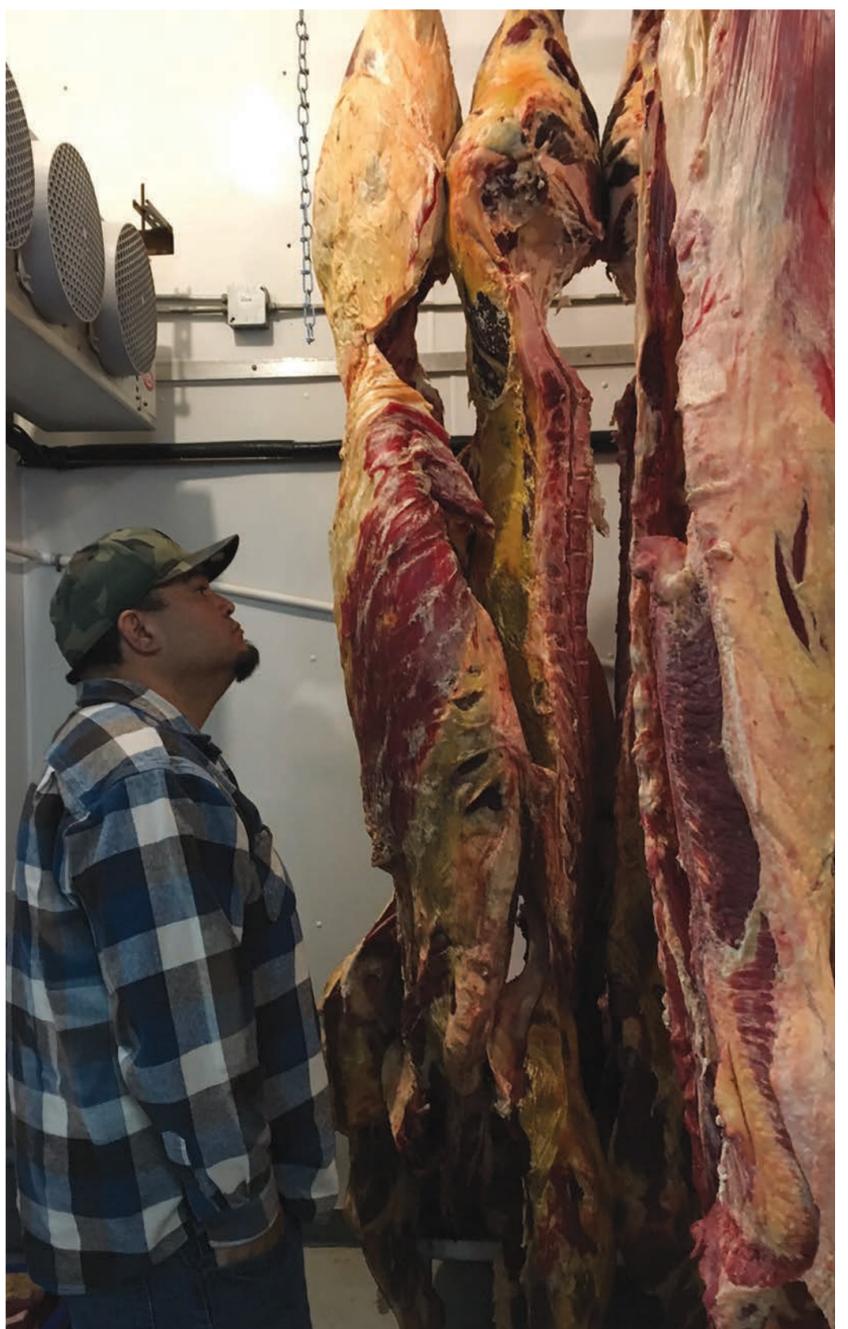
Children perform in Clarkdale pre-historic site

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These are our "Lil Warriettes" dance group who performed at Tuzigoot National Monument in Clarkdale on April 28 with Maswaddae Drummers from Fort McDowell Nation. Tuzigoot held a Health and Wellness Fair in conjunction with the local business enterprises who did massages, exercises and hikes.



YAN Warriettes dance at Tuzigoot National Monument Submitted photograph from Yavapai Culture Dept,



Henry Smith looks at sides of beef during the tour to find out more about the beef packaging business.