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Yavapai-Apache Nation honors school graduates 8th through college



The Hood family celebrate Madison Schwindt's graduation from Desert View High School in Phoenix.

BY DON DECKER,
YAN

During the 3rd week in May, 85 students from grades 8 through college were honored during regular



Camp Verde High School graduates line up in the gym before the ceremony

commencement exercises. Mingus Union High School, the Camp Verde Middle School and High School held their exercises outside on the football fields.

It was a family affair at Yavapai



Dayton Smith with parents Ernestine and Delbert Smith

College as Ruby Rocha wife of Buddy Rocha, Jr. received her Associate of Applied Science Degree and Buddy's daughter Damianna Rocha received her CNA Nursing Assistant certification.

High school graduates Khaeden Montgomery and Jaiden Gene live the farthest away from the Nation with Khaeden residing in Bronx, New York (NYC) and Jaiden in Fort Meade, Maryland.

Violence Against Women Act Two-Day Event

BY RACHEL HOOD,
Conference Director

A two-day session to discuss the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) will be held on June 26th and 27th at the Cliff Castle Casino Hotel in Camp Verde, Arizona. The all-day agenda sessions will include guest speakers with a wide-range of expertise in criminal law and cases involving domestic violence against women.

Congress passed the VAWA in 1994. It has since been reauthorized, modified, and expanded. American

Indians were fully included in the reauthorization of the VAWA in 2013. VAWA was the first comprehensive U.S. congressional act that was designed to end violence against women. The most recent tribe to earn clearance to regain domestic violence jurisdiction was the Chehalis Tribe, which is just the 24th tribe to accomplish this of the nearly 600 federally recognized American Indian Tribes.

The panels will discuss topics such as domestic violence offenders who are non-tribal citizens

and have committed a specific crime on tribal land. The goal of the two-day event is to inform the Yavapai-Apache Nation community as well as bring awareness of services, grants, and assistance available under VAWA. The sessions will allow tribal members and participants the opportunity to ask questions. For additional information contact event coordinator Rachel Hood at racheljanethood@gmail.com or via phone (928) 451-6547.



VAWA save the date

YA Transit company acquires two more buses and a Dodge caravan

BY DON DECKER,
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Members from the Public Works program (and fleet) and the grants office of the Nation gathered around two new buses and a Dodge Grand Caravan for photographs. The two new buses are emblazed with scenic photographs from the area and the artwork of the Yavapai and Apache on the sides of the buses.

This long process which began almost 11 years ago (according to the Nation's grant coordinator Robert Mills), has now brought a total of 4 bus shuttles that will be operating to pick up passengers throughout

Verde Valley. According to Ernestine Smith, Public Transportation Supervisor, the Tunlii Express shuttle will eventually be discontinued since one of the new buses will be servicing Tunlii community.

Ms. Smith said that the 2 news buses will begin servicing Verde Lakes and Rimrock communities as soon as the schedules and preparations are made for such things as bus stop locations and the shelter for the passengers. The 2 buses will then feed into regular stops at the casino which will then take passengers into Cottonwood (CAT-Cottonwood Area

Transit) and Sedona's Verde Lynx. All of this should began at the end of July according to Ms. Wathogoma.

The current bus schedule is located on the Nation's website and it will be revised as soon as the schedule is reconfigured.

Robert Mills, the Nation's grant writer was responsible for the development of the transit service. He said that the current monies were acquired through the FTA (Federal Transportation Administration) which consist of the 'Expansion Grant' (\$300,000), another \$105,000 for the FTA's



(L to R) Penny Smith, Jerry Periera, Donald Smith Laura Wathogoma, Robert Mills, Ernestine Smith and Debbie Wathogoma