

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## A report from Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Chelsea Kaska

### February 22, 2019 - Elders Luncheon

This was my first event. I was honored to attend the luncheon and got to preform my Clan song for my Nation's elders.

### March 8, 2019 - Miss Gila River Crowning Ceremony

I was on my back from California on this day but I made it back just in time for the Crowning Ceremony in Sacaton. This was also my first time attending a Crowning event as Miss YAN where I watched Miss Gila River, Tyler and Jr. Miss, Susanna's talent performances, voice their platforms and witnessed the former title holders pass on the crowns.

### March 9, 2019 - Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo

Went through the parade with Miss Teen YAN, Oberia Gyce. Our first parade together, luckily we had our family to support us. Getting ready to go through a parade takes a lot of time and effort.

### March 2-3, 2019 - Apache Gold Intertribal Powwow

Because I am a part of the AGCR Enterprise, I had the chance to register the dancers and drum groups as Miss YAN. I was also very fortunate to have an Honor Song dedicated to me by Larry Brown of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

### March 23, 2019 - Postponed Exodus Day Events

Our Exodus Day events were very special to me. Not only was it a home event but I also meet some amazing people from our Nation, I also met some of my best friends, as we call it "Sash Sisters". I was honored to have everyone come out and enjoy what we had to offer, and celebrate our homecoming.

### April 3, 2019 - Mt. Turnbull Rodeo Pageant

My mother and I travelled to Bylas to attend the Mt. Turnbull Rodeo Pageant. I was amazed with all the contestants' horsemanship, especially the tiny tots!

### April 5, 2019 - Mt. Turnbull Pageant

My family and I headed back to Bylas for the Mt. Turnbull Pageant, where we watched Kaitlyn Dillon get crowned.

### April 6, 2019 - Bowling with Royalty

This event has been one of my favorites. A big Thank You to Mrs. Elisia Manuel who is also Mrs. Arizona Ultimate Elite, who hosts this annual event. Elisia has started Three Precious Miracles, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to Native American Children who are adopted, fostered or still with their biological parent(s). TPM helps Native American Children find that special connection to their ancestors or their cultural background. This event we got to bowl with children 0-18years, and connect with them and share our culture so that they would have a better understanding where they came from and that they are loved.

### April 13, 2019 - ASU Pageant



Miss YAN Chelsea Kaska at the Native American Recognition Day in Phoenix.

I loved this pageant because it was all about education and culture. All the contestant are very intellectual and each shared their own ideas of how they can aid their communities and that we all should push education.

### April 12-13, 2019 - ASU Powwow

This was the first time the powwow was being held in the new Sun Devil Stadium.

### May 9, 2019 - Gila Community College Graduation

Attended for Kaylee Kaska, who got her CNA Certificate and plans on pursuing her nursing career. I watched Kaylee study all hours of the day/night, sacrifice time with her daughter/family to study and attend classes. I am very proud of Ms. Kaska.

### June 1, 2019 - Arizona Diamondbacks Native American Recognition Day

I love my Diamondbacks, of course this was my favorite event I attended, along with YAN Princess, Claudia and Tiny Tot Boy, Wyatt. We had the chance to mingle with other tribal royalty from all over Arizona in the Legends Suite. We also got the once in a life time opportunity to go onto the field to be recognized on the big screen. The Dbacks also got a win this night!



Claudia Rose Miss YAN Princess



YAN Tiny Tot Boy Wyatt Jackson

### Upcoming Events

- June 14, 2019 - Jr. Miss Salt River Pageant
- June 15, 2019 - Miss Salt River Pageant
- August 31, 2019 - WMAT Fair and Rodeo



Kevin Jackson, Willie Hood family with Julia Hood and Sherra Nava

## YAN elders enjoy a dinner and entertainment

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The Senior Program of the Nation planned an evening out for some of the YAN elders with a complete cowboy dinner and musical show at the Blazin' M Ranch in Cottonwood Friday evening, June 7.

With about 35 elders, the Team from the Senior Program led by Bernadette Williams and crew-members of the program made this a memorable and pleasant experience.

In the past, the Senior Program has sponsored out of state trips to Hawaii and a Mexican Baja sea cruise into the port city of Ensenada 80 miles south of San Diego.

There were about a total of 200 people for the evening event.

This dinner featured baked potatoes, cowboy beans, bbq'd chicken, pork ribs, Dutch oven biscuits with assorted drinks capped off by apple crisp with streusel crust covered by a scoop of vanilla ice cream. The

ranch even announced "seconds" for the food they served.

After dinner, all the used plates and utensils were picked up by the ranch's staff in preparation for the main event.

The Blazin' M Cowboys (actually with one female singer who plays bass) brought laughter and sing'-alongs from the stage. Bringing such memorable songs from by-gone days and western classics, the 'Cowboys'

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Irvin and Yvonne Shiosee of Laguna, New Mexico. Yvonne is a Jackson.



Stanley Jackson with son, Sonny.

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